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WAR ON RELIGION.

**BISHOP OF DURHAM
ATTACKS SOCIALISTS.**

CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

A notable address was delivered on May 3rd by the Bishop of Durham before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of England at Newcastle.

He had long settled it with himself, Dr. Benson said, that denominational differences should not limit his interest or sympathy or affect his public action, wherever that action was legally free. When he considered the world to-day he could not but acknowledge that the dividing line fell, not between Churches and denominations of Christendom, but between Christ and anti-Christ. Social changes were certainly, telling on public morality. The decline of the middle class was reflected in the general loosening of morals, sexual and social throughout the nation.

His Lordship pointed to the rapid decline of organized Christendom, and asked if it could be disputed that there had been a great breach between democracy and Christianity, which portended for Christendom a most appalling calamity. The Labour movement in Europe seemed to be taking a hostile attitude towards the Christian religion. The Church was regarded very generally in Labour circles as part and parcel of a capitalist system which, they held, had to be destroyed as the first condition of social improvement.

Christian morality was opposed at almost every point by the new morality, which set democracy against the Christian ideal of purity and fidelity in marriage, democracy and the loosening conception of sexual morality against Christian "other-worldism" as it was called. There was set up a hungry materialism, with its claims and enjoyments as the alpha and omega of human interest and human ideals.

The anti-Christian character of the Russian Revolution did not shock and alienate the leaders of British Labour, the Bishop added. The most truly and literally painful book that he had ever read was the report of the Trade Union delegates to Russia in 1924.

Danger To Family Life.

Family life was menaced by certain obstinate features in industrial society, by the extension of State Acts, including the transference of authority from parents to school teachers; and it was directly attacked by a social doctrine roughly summed up under the names Socialism and Communism, which were now fashionable in the Labour world. If the family was to be preserved, it must be because Christ's religion was still able to inspire and maintain it.

As he saw it, therefore, the Churches should gird themselves to insist on the cardinal importance of three things:

First, the Christian conception of marriage as a lifelong union, whatever concessions the State might have to make.

Defend Children.

Secondly, they ought to stand for the sanctity of childhood and defend Christian children against the influences of pollution and extortion which were bearing on them with ever waxing force on every side. He wanted to sum up in a single article his case against Russian Society; he would do it by fastening on the Bolshevik treatment of children. Their whole conception of childhood was abhorrent to every right-thinking man.

Thirdly, the Church ought to exert their civic influence to remove from society, or at least restrain in their working, whatever conditions were plainly hostile to family life, and of these it needed no saying that had housing came first.—*Yorkshire Post.*

TEA FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

**DRIED CARROTS AS
SUBSTITUTE.**

An interesting outcome of recent events in China is a shortage of tea in Russia, according to the Moscow *Economic Life*, reporting a tea famine in Moscow and other Russian centres.

Villages are entirely without tea, and the peasants are using dried carrots and other substitutes.

Tea is the Russian national beverage, and the inability of the Bolshevik trade monopoly to obtain fresh supplies from China is causing much dissatisfaction with the course of events in China, reports the *Life*.

Agents of the Soviet trade monopoly in England have been instructed to make large purchases.

BRITISH WEAKNESS IN CHINA.

WHERE IT HAS LED US.

**OUR PAST RECORD
VINDICATED.**

But for General Dyer small groups of English people and other foreigners in hundreds of Indian towns would have been victims of outrage by cowardly, senseless mobs, precisely as to-day small groups of foreigners are so exposed all over China, writes a correspondent to the *Morning Post*. The lesson is plain for him who runs to read. The weakness imposed upon the local volunteers and naval forces at Hankow, from Whitehall, has had the result that a similar weakness which Whitehall longed to have imposed upon General Dyer would have had in India.

If we were assured by the officers who were on the spot that it was absolutely impossible to defend the Hankow Concession, there would be no more to be said. People like myself, acquainted with the Far East, simply do not believe it. We believe that if the Naval Officer in command had informed the Chinese that it was his bounden duty to use all the force he had in defence of the Concession, no one would have been hurt, the Concession would have continued in Central China, and a hundred million or so of Chinamen would enjoy some measure of prosperity in consequence. Had the threat been sufficient, the discharge of a few shells on military objectives such as Mr. Chen's quarters, would have had the same effect, and the whisper would have gone through the whole of China that the foreigners were going to be defended and it did not pay to assault them.

Why these surrenders? We are given two reasons: (1) that the word has changed from a world in which you defend things and places into a world in which you surrender them. Do we want to change our world like this? Why should we? (2) We are told that our past record in China is a bad one and we must make up for it by turning the other cheek also, everywhere to-day. Upon what information is this based? Our past record in China is extant, and written in very choice American by Hosea Ballou Morse of the Chinese Imperial Customs—the authoritative book on the subject all over the world except in Whitehall. In its calm, impartial pages—the whole legend of bad behaviour on the part of Britain in the matter of opium is utterly destroyed. All the Powers, and especially China, come very badly, indeed, out of the opium story, excepting only Great Britain, which comes out magnificently.

To the British, the Chinaman owes all the peace and security he has enjoyed for the last hundred years. That is the plain fact. That is our record. It is in consequence of that shameful record that we carry out these tragic and grotesque evacuations to-day, the need for which, of course, grows like a snowball. It is not too late. If we re-take and hold the Concession at Hankow all will yet be restored.

LADY CLIFFORD.

**ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE
DURING JULY.**

SINGAPORE, June 7th.
Lady Clifford, D.B.E., the wife of H.E. Sir H. Clifford the Governor, and better known to the world under her former name of Mrs. Henry de la Pasture, under which she won for herself so great a reputation in the literary and dramatic world of London and America, sailed from Southampton on the 4th instant, on board the P. & O. *Kashgar*, and is expected to arrive in the Straits Settlements towards the end of the current month.

It is understood that the Governor will meet Lady Clifford at Penang, and after a few days spent on Penang Hill, will proceed with her in the *Sea Belle* to Kedah, one of the Malay States with which H.E. has as yet no personal acquaintance.

Thence, calling in at most points of interest, including a visit to the Langkawi Islands, the Governor and Lady Clifford will make their way back to Singapore, where they may be expected about the middle of July.

The dates for the proposed journey are as yet unsettled.

YANGTZE CASUALTIES.

Lt.-Col. Headlam (Parliamentary Secretary, Admiralty) informed Colonel Day (Lab. Sec., Southwark, Central) that the number of casualties that have taken place to date on warships on the Yangtze have been: Wanhien—Three officers and four ratings killed; two officers and fifteen ratings wounded. Later—One rating killed; three officers and eight ratings wounded.

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Leave Wei-Hai-Wei	" 13th	" 10th	" 21st
Arrive Tsingtau	" 14th	" 11th	" 22nd
Leave Tsingtau	" 15th	" 12th	" 23rd
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THE LAND OF SHEBA. BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER'S EXPLANATION.

IN ARABIA—NOT EAST AFRICA?

A British naval officer's account of his 20-years search for the lost lands of Ophir, the kingdom of the Queen of Sheba, and of his discovery of them after a 15-months cruise in the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Persian Gulf, formed the subject of a fascinating lecture at Royal United Service Institution.

The whereabouts of Ophir, from which Bilikis, the Queen of Sheba, brought to Solomon her magnificent gifts has been one of the mysteries of the ages, but Commander C. Crauford claims that it has been solved, and he revealed his secret in his lecture. He said:

If Ophir is lost to modern geography, the loss is not due to lack of information. After 20-years search I had the good fortune to visit Ophir. I found it exactly where it ought to be—in Arabia—and it has taken me another seven years or so to furnish proofs of the identity of Ophir.

Red Sea Clue.

Ophir has been declared to be in various parts of the world. Commander Crauford said he began his search in China, and proceeded to Africa, South America, and Ceylon, but he found the first clue in the Red Sea. He continued:

"The problem of Ophir was the problem of finding a land where all the things which comprised the Queen of Sheba's great gift to Solomon could be obtained. When the queen arrived in Solomon's country with her 33 tons of gold, jewels, and the like, King Hiram, who was friendly with Solomon, was given the task of looking over the merchandise. In doing so he noted the wholesale markets and used a sailor's knowledge, which I followed.

He planned a trading scheme that the Mercantile Marine of today could not better, and it was by following his route in a dhow (a single-masted ship of about 200 tons)—the same type of craft as used—that we found the lost lands of Ophir.

Hiram's fleet traded all the way from Ezion Gebir (at the head of the Red Sea)—which I suggest was the great Zion—and Tarshish down the Red Sea, across the Ocean to Socotra Island, then on to Ceylon, back to the Persian Gulf, and along the east coast of Arabia. They traded all the way and returned to Ezion Gebir in three years.

By studying the ships from before the Flood to the present day we found that the ships of Ezion Gebir were identical with the modern Red Sea dhow. So we got a dhow and set out before the same trade winds as Hiram utilised to take him upon this greatest of all trading routes.

During our voyage down the Red Sea we passed many a harbour that is hardly known to modern navigation, past Aden, or Eden, the land of pleasantness, where the Queen of Sheba stopped on her journey to Solomon's lands, and on to the Sheba Islands. Here we waited, as Hiram did, for the second monsoon wind, which took us up to the Persian Gulf.

With the third monsoon we coasted back, passed Muscat and Ras el Hadd, and along the coast of Oman (south-east Arabia). As we worked southwards, Sabacan traces (that is, the Kingdom of Sheba) grew stronger and inscriptions were plentiful.

Then we came to Ophir, 400 miles east of Aden, with its ruined Temple of God. This was about half-way on our cruise.

Many a seaman and many a political officer have visited that ancient fort, but they merely saw a litter of massive ruins. Digging is sometimes weary work, but you are richly repaid if you find a jewel like Ophir.

Land That Ended Ophir.

"The city is ideally situated. It has a harbour to the north, and it has a river which gave wharfage to the seaport. But a thin ribbon of coral sand is drawn across the harbour mouth. It was this strip of sand which strangled the life of Ophir.

There is great wealth in Ophir still. Palestine at the present time is the Palestine of King David, and it lies in our power to develop the land to the prosperity of Solomon. There are gold mines and precious stones in the ground. There is a veritable Transvaal there.

"With the help of the Ophir lands we may have a Palestine that includes all Arabia and also the extensive kingdom of Sabacan, and then we shall see the fulfilment of the dreams of the two greatest rulers in history—Solomon the Wise and Bilikis the beautiful Queen of Sheba."

In recent years it has been a favourite theory that Ophir was situated in East Africa, and this

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TROUBLE AT THE CIRCUS.

MORE STONE THROWING.

SEQUEL AT MAGISTRACY.

For the third time this week a case has come into the Central Magistracy in connection with the throwing of stones by Chinese at Wanchai near Isako's Circus.

On Monday a Chinese was fined \$50, or four weeks' for disorderly conduct there, namely throwing stones and mud. On Tuesday afternoon, a Chinese was fined \$50 by Major C. Willson for throwing stones at the Indian watchman, employed at Isako's Circus.

Yesterday morning another case came before the Court, a Chinese being charged with throwing stones near the Circus.

Inspector Blackman stated that the Chinese in the district could not get their own way with the circus people and they were retaliating by giving the Russians all the trouble they could. A certain portion of the fence around the circus has been broken down and when policemen try to drive away intruders, they throw stones at them.

The man who was charged yesterday, denied that he was throwing stones and, as the evidence was not very strong against him, the Magistrate, Mr. Lindsell, caused him to be discharged.

ALLEGED SEDITION LITERATURE.

Chang Kong, who was last week formally remanded on a charge of possession of seditious literature was yesterday produced before Major C. Willson.

Sub-Inspector Andrews said that the translator at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs was unable to attend Court that morning, but he could put in translations duly signed by the translator if the Magistrate would accept them.

Major Willson thought that the translations had better be proved. Sub-Inspector Andrews then applied for another remand in order to produce the translator.

The case was fixed for 11.30 a.m., on Saturday.

view was popularised by the works of Theodore Bent and others, including Rider Haggard in his "King Solomon's Mines." The centre of speculation was a group of ruins at Zimbabwe, in Mashonaland. But scientific researches showed that the ruins were magnified kraals, not more than 300 or 400 years old.

EXPERT'S DOUBTFUL.

The British Museum officials were doubtful regarding the claim. An authority on ancient Arabia and Egypt said to a press reporter:

In spite of the evidence I continue to believe that Ophir is in India. We believe that no such person as Queen Bilikis ever existed.

Undeterred by this opinion, Commander Crauford remained convinced and told the reporter: I used no documents except the Old Testament, the standard book on ancient Arabia, and by far the most accurate.

"The Town of Ophir."

I studied carefully the goods she brought, and the route by which the Queen of Sheba brought them, as followed by King Hiram. I then discovered, after years of study, that the ships of Ezion Gebir (at the head of the Red Sea) were identical with the Red Sea dhows of today. For a long time I studied the Arab markets and the time taken for the goods to arrive, and gradually by taking account of the time, winds, and the spot where all the Queen of Sheba's gifts could be found, I arrived at Ophir.

I was accompanied only by one marine officer and an interpreter, and we travelled in a 20-ton dhow. The town of Ophir we found about 300 yards back from the coast. The Temple of God was still standing strongly, but otherwise there was little but mounds.

Sheik's Statement.

The sheik told me that his country was very rich, but he could not develop it for fear of the Bedouins. Certainly there is the finest coffee district in the world there. It is also rich in minerals; in fact, an undeveloped Transvaal.

Their tradition is that they are the oldest Arabs, and they certainly are among the originals. They are called the Marwari, and are very learned. Sir Michael O'Dwyer, a member of the Central Asia Society, said: As an indirect support I can bring forward the fact that I once met the Sultan Mokalla, who told me distinctly that there had been gold mines in his district at Ophir, and that they were not now worked.

TIN MINING BOOM IN F.M.S.

THREE NEW FLOTATIONS.

RUSH FOR LAND AT SINGGORA.

Three new companies have been formed, or are within the process of being floated, for the purpose of taking up land for tin mining. The method of operation in all three cases will be by bucket dredging which has now been found to be the most profitable way of treating areas that are not hilly. Two of these companies is to operate in the Batu Mukim, Selangor, where two other dredging ventures which were floated last year are to operate. Mr. A. A. Hengler, of Kuala Lumpur, is understood to be the promoter of the two new companies, one of which will be at Stone and the other at Batu Caves. Shares in both the new companies have all been taken up and are to day quoted at 30 cents premium.

The Batu Mukim has been found to be sufficiently rich in tin for dredging propositions, so much so that it is likely that quite a large area now under rubber will in course of time be converted into mining. As a matter of fact the Kent Tin Dredging Company an Osborne and Chapell flotation, includes in its mining area a portion of Kent Rubber Estate.

The third company is one which is being floated by Mr. J. B. David to work an area in the vicinity of Batu Gajah.

Meantime, a vast amount of prospecting is now going on at Kota Bharu (Perak), Bidar, Temoh, and in Siam, and it is not unlikely that in the course of the next few months public subscriptions will be invited for several tin mining propositions.

At the present moment there is an extraordinary rush for mining land in the Singgora district of South Siam, where the Land Office is said to be inundated by applications for land, and prospectors and principals are flocking to the place in unusual numbers.—Times of Malaya.

V.R.C. OPENING FETE.

PROGRAMME FOR JULY 2ND.

As reported in our issue of Monday the first Night Fete of the year organised by the Victoria Recreation Club has been fixed for Saturday, July 2nd.

The special attractions of the opening Fete are the Water Polo Match between the Victoria Recreation Club and the 1st Cruiser Squadron, and the Team Race between the Navy and the Army. These two events should prove particularly interesting in view of the fact that the Victoria Recreation Club was last year's champions of the Water Polo League and the 1st Cruiser Squadron Team is an unknown quantity. In the Team Race between the Navy and the Army, two very strong sets of swimmers should be seen owing to the unusual number of Servicemen of both services to pick from.

The Lyric Band will play during the Fete and there will be dancing after the sports. The programme comprises:—50 Yards Handicap, open to Members. Pillow Fight. High Dive. Water Polo. 50 Yards Handicap, open to boys 16 years of age and under.

RACES AT SINGAPORE.

TWO ACCIDENTS IN STEEPLECHASE.

The second and final day of the amateur meeting at the Singapore Turf Club on Monday last week was marked by two accidents in the steeplechase, involving injuries to well-known local sportsmen, Lieut. W. A. Woods, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, and Lieut. H. S. J. Bourke, A.D.C. to H.E. the General.

Glendale, which Mr. Woods was riding, fell at the first obstacle, and the rider sustained concussion. Hardly had he been picked up and put in the ambulance (which was drawn up in rather sinister readiness) than the horses were round for the second time, when, at another fence, Glendale fell and threw Mr. Bourke, who sustained cuts about the head and face. Both were removed to hospital.

It was learned the next morning that the accidents were not nearly so bad as appeared at first. Mr. Woods suffered from only slight concussion and soon recovered. The cuts sustained by Mr. Bourke were of a superficial nature. His worst injury was a dislocated thumb.

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Benary (Ben Line), due to-morrow.
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D'Arctuan (M.M.), due September 3rd.
Deucalion (Blue Funnel), due June 25th.
Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due June 27th.
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Hector (Blue Funnel), due August 24th.
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Khiva (P. & O.), due September 1st.
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Nyanya (P. & O.), due July 7th.
Patroclus (Blue Funnel), due June 22nd.
Paul Lecat (M.M.), due July 5th.
Perseus (Blue Funnel), due July 7th.
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Ravampindi (P. & O.), due July 21st.
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Telamon (Blue Funnel), due Aug. 19th.
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Do. (old) ... 21s. 101 nom.
Do. (new) ... 21s. 74 buy.
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Der A Wings ... 21s. 36 sel.
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Do. (new) ... 21s. 35 nom.
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NON-COMPLETION OF FIXTURES.

COMMENT AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association was held last evening at the Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters, Mr. G. T. May presiding over a fair attendance, comprising representatives from the various clubs in the League. He was supported by several members of the Committee, and Mr. W. E. Hollands (Hon. Secretary).

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts, to which reference has previously been made in these columns.

In doing so he commented that since the report had been in the hands of members St. Joseph's College had been suspended from the League for failure to comply with certain rulings, including the non-payment of a fine for failing to complete their fixtures.

Finances were not quite so good as they might have been. Paying out had been a little more than income, and they were not so well off as at the beginning of the season when they had a balance of \$916, as compared with a balance of \$786 now. The chief items of income had been entrance fees \$540 and gate receipts from the League winners. Rest match amounting to \$446. The principal expenditure had been on medals, \$510, and referees' fees, \$448.

Mr. McTavish seconded the report and accounts.

Teams Which Back Out.

Capt. ARSTIN (R.A.) made several comments on the report, and said that if clubs dropped out of the League it meant a loss of games all round. Under the rules any club could drop out without giving a reason. Four clubs had to withdraw last season, one from the Senior Division, entirely, and three were not able to complete their fixture, one from Junior "A" and two from Junior "B." The last three were unable to play three games on their list.

It was a pity, he thought, that the only Navy Club in the League withdrew. In a Station like Hong Kong it was to be hoped that the Navy would do their best to keep at least one Club in the League.

The new rules to be submitted that evening would do much toward preventing clubs' dropping out of the League. Under this rule a club which withdrew from the League before the completion of the first half of the season, would have its records removed entirely from the League table. If such withdrawal took place at any time during the second half of the season the points for the unplayed matches would go to the opponents.

Referring again to non-completion of the future List, Capt. Austin hoped that all clubs would in future try and complete all their games. If teams entered merely for the trophies and not to provide good games, then the League was in a sorry plight. Failure of teams to complete fixtures was regrettable.

New Rules.

21 Amended rules which are now to form the rules of the Hong Kong Football League were submitted to the meeting, and after a lengthy discussion on technical points, they were all adopted with the exception of rule 18. Certain minor amendments in wording were made. The rules had been previously circulated to members. In future, under these rules, the Football League will be known as the Hong Kong Amateur Football League, instead of Hong Kong Football League.

Election Of Officers.

Officers were elected as under for the ensuing year:—

President, Mr. G. T. May (re-elected).

Vice-President (Mr. H. M. McTavish).

Chairman, Mr. A. T. Hamilton.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. E. Hollands.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ip Kau Ko. Management Committee, Capt. Austin (R.A.), Lieut. Hankey (R.O.S.B.), Mr. W. J. Keates (Kowloon Football Club), Mr. E. de Sousa (Club de Recreio) and Mr. Leo (South China Athletic Association).

HONG KONG PRISONS IN 1926.

2,305 IMPRISONED FOR OPIUM OFFENCES.

ONLY 134 PER CENT. OF POPULATION INCARCERATED.

The report of the Superintendent of Prisons for the year 1926 states that the number of prisoners received into prison during the year and the corresponding number for the year 1925 were as follows:—

	1925.	1926.
Convicted by Ordinary Courts	5,333	5,693
Convicted by Court Martial	5	4
Debtors	53	61
On remand or in default of finding surety	943	789
Total	6,339	6,511

There was an increase of 172 on the total number of admission as compared with the year 1925. There was an increase of prisoners convicted for larceny during the year under review the number being 1,082 against 927 for the previous year.

The number of Revenue Grade prisoners admitted to prisons was 4,509 made up as follows:—

Opium Ordinance	2,505
Gambling Ordinance	169
Arms and Ammunition Ordinance	41
Vehicle Ordinance	105
Harbour Regulations	7
Water Works	8
Marine Hawkers Ord.	27
Dangerous Goods Ord.	11
Chinese Wine and Spirit Ordinance	7
Societies Ordinance	16
Public Health and Building Ordinance	12
Truck Ordinance	13
Women and Girls (Protection) Ordinance	11
Importation and Exportation Ordinance	6
Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance	3
Tobacco Ordinance	18
Police Regulations	22
Removing dead body without permission	5
Committing nuisance in the street	16
Unlawfully boarding steamers	14
Hawking without a licence	443
Cruelty to animals	13
Keeping disorderly house	13
Illegal pawning	13
Drunkenness	16
Trespass	31
Disorderly conduct	23
Assault	77
Obstruction	27
Cutting trees	59
Removing sand without permission	5
Mendicancy	16
Unlawful possession of lottery tickets	39
Unlawful possession	313
Stealing	106
Possession of implement fit for unlawful purpose	27
Offering bribe	21
Obtaining by false pretences	3
Soliciting in a public thoroughfare	36
Unlawful receiving	51
Travelling on tram car without paying legal fare	6
Spitting in Court	4
Total	4,509

Fifty four juveniles were admitted during the year, with sentences varying from 24 hours detention to 12 months hard labour. In 2 cases corporal punishment was awarded in addition.

The percentage of convicted prisoners admitted to prison with previous convictions recorded against them was 19 as compared with 17.6 for 1925.

There were 133 prisoners admitted who were convicted by the Police Courts in the New Territories against 134 for the previous year.

There were 616 punishments awarded for breach of prison discipline as compared with 792 for the preceding year. Corporal punishment was inflicted in five cases for prison offences.

Seventy-seven prisoners were whipped by order of courts.

There was no escape, or attempt to escape.

There were 18 deaths (13 natural causes and 5 executions).

During 1926 the daily average number of prisoners was 1,054 being a percentage of 134 of the population.

More land was resumed at Lai Chi Kok in November 1926 and as much as possible placed under cultivation. This land gives part employment to 40 prisoners. The staff is too limited to permit the employment of prisoners all day on this particular work.

Victoria Gaol is still over-crowded although more prisoners have been transferred to Lai Chi Kok.

Authority has been given for the improvement of the Hospital, Reception and office accommodation and this improvement it is hoped will be partially effected in 1927.

The conduct of both European and Indian staff with few exceptions has been very good. The general health of the staff has been good. As usual there was a considerable amount of malaria at Lai Chi Kok but there were no serious cases.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

TO-DAY'S MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

VOTES OF \$78,071 REQUIRED.

As already stated, the Colonial Secretary at the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon will introduce a Bill to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of \$1,063,892.42 to defray the charges of the year 1926.

This is the amount spent in excess of the estimates for 1926. The money was voted by the Finance Committee as the need arose and the passing of an Ordinance dealing with the subject is little more than a formality. The excess amounts were spent by the various Government Departments as under:—

H.E. the Governor	\$21,058.79
Audit Department	2,079.05
Royal Observatory	8,517.87
Fire Brigade	28,715.89
Supreme Court	6,467.40
Attorney General	1,470.97
Office of Crown Solicitor and Land Registry	8,441.52
Public Works Department	623,116.31
Kowloon-Canton Railway	135,560.58
Charitable services	21,355.01
Miscellaneous services	230,129.63
Total	\$1,063,892.42

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Following the Legislative Council there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee when votes totalling \$78,071 to supplement the estimates of 1927 will be submitted for approval. The amounts are required for the following works:—

Morrison Hill Development.

The sum of \$37,000 is required for retaining walls and storm water culverts. The estimate for the work was \$196,000. A sum of \$45,029.60 was expended up to the end of 1926. An amount of \$10,000 was set aside for the work anticipated in 1927. Now it has been decided to do \$47,000 worth of work this year and consequently the extra \$37,000 is needed.

At an inspection on the site by H.E. the Governor on March 1st in connection with the proposed new formation-level at 50 feet A.O.D. it was decided that the work should be proceeded with as soon as possible and this involves carrying out the following works that were not previously included in the works proposed for this year:—Toe Wall north of Retaining Wall at foot of Stubbs Road; Toe Wall on Gap Road and west of Stubbs Road; Retaining Wall 225 feet long forming northern boundary of Gap Road; Removing trees on north side of Morrison Gap Road.

The altered proposal will improve the roadway without any increase in estimated total cost of the works.

Road Through Quarry Bay.

A sum of \$13,400 is needed for improving and widening the road through Quarry Bay village. In carrying out this work it was necessary to raise the levels of the existing road near the Eastern entrance to the Tai Koo Dockyard with the result that the Tai Koo Dockyard Company have had to reconstruct their approach ramp from the yard and from a new entrance.

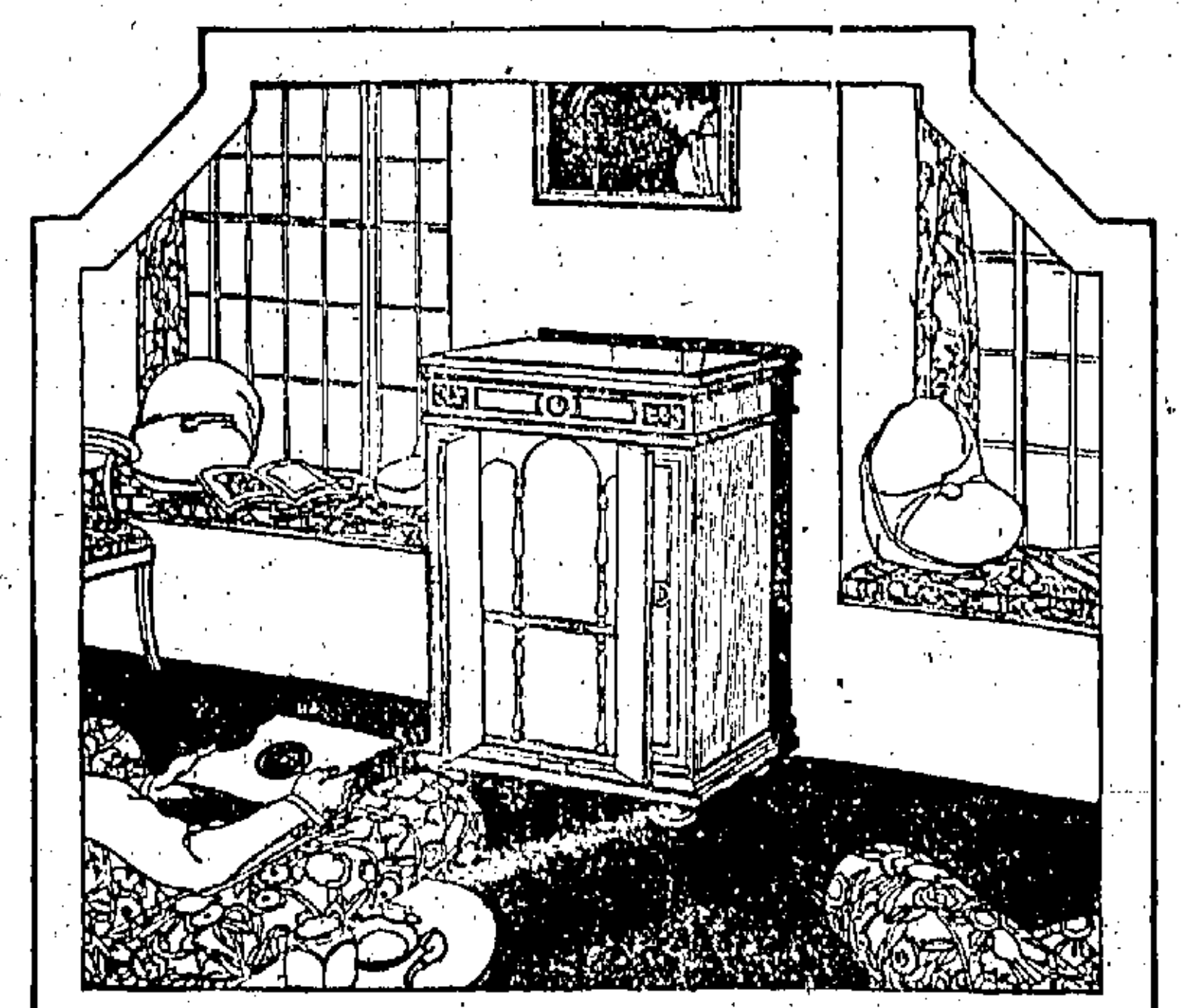
The Company have asked the Government to pay for this work, and it is considered that the request and the statement of cost given by the Company are reasonable and that this payment should be made. No provision was made when the 1927 Estimates were framed. It was not then known that the Company would make any claim for this work.

Old Indian Cemetery.

A sum of \$10,000 is required for forming level areas and filling in the old Indian Cemetery area at Tai Shek Ku valley.

The Estimates for 1926 provided \$12,000 for "Forming and Levelling areas in Tai Shek Ku Valley" and a reserve of \$8,000 of this amount appears in the 1927 Estimates. No money was, however, expended on this work in 1926 and before the work is put in hand it is considered desirable that the area of the old Indian Cemetery be filled in to prevent water collecting behind the new filling and forming mosquito breeding ponds. The Estimated cost of this is \$10,000. The combined total works will cost \$22,600.

A vote of \$10,000 is, therefore, requested of which \$6,000 will be met by deleting the re-vote referred to. A vote of \$12,600 will be required in 1928 to complete the combined works.



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Quarry Bay School.

A sum of \$9,525 is required for the completion of the Quarry Bay School. The original estimate of the cost was \$137,500 and the revised estimate \$141,863.52. The amount expended in 1924 was \$3,870, in 1925, \$62,867.10 and in 1926, \$65,581.42, making a total of \$132,338.52 and leaving a balance of \$9,525 for work in 1927.

Re-erecting Old X-Ray Plant.

A new X-Ray plant has been purchased, and it is proposed to transfer for the old plant to the Kowloon hospital. The sum of \$1,245 is asked for the cost of this removal which was not provided for in the estimates for 1927.

Imperial Institute.

Payment of grants of £500 and £75 to the Imperial Institute and its Exhibition Galleries, provision for which was made in the 1926 Estimates, was not actually made by the Crown Agents until February, 1927, a saving of that amount being effected in 1926. Provision of £500 in all for these two objects was made in the 1927 Estimates but it has since been decided to reduce the grant to £300 in all. Total payments of £375 and £300—£675—have therefore to be made from the 1927 vote which is \$6,000 and a supplementary vote of \$3,750—£375—is accordingly requested.

District Office, North.

During the leave of the Land Bailiff, Mr. Routley from May 6th,

1926, until March 6th, 1927, Mr. Chambers, the Senior Land Bailiff, did both bailiffs' duties. A considerable amount of extra work and extra expenses in travelling thus fell upon Mr. Chambers and it is proposed to pay him a bonus of \$500 in recognition of this. A vote for this amount is accordingly requested.

Sanitary Officers' Quarters.

A sum of \$175 is required to pay the rent of quarters for Inspector and Sanitary Officers. The floors formerly occupied at Shamshui for a district Sanitary Office and quarters for an Inspector became very unsatisfactory and as from February 1st, 1927, better and more convenient floors were rented at an increased cost of \$16.85 per month.

A sum of \$1,476 is also required for the rent of quarters for scavenging coolies. When the 1927 Estimates were framed it was anticipated that the monthly expenditure under this head would be \$100. Subsequently however it was found necessary to demolish the Government quarters at Hung Hom in October last, and to rent quarters at \$80 a month. Notice was also received to quit the inadequate quarters occupied in Yau-mai at \$17 a month and satisfactory quarters could not be obtained under \$69 a month. An unanticipated monthly expenditure of \$132 has therefore been incurred and the actual monthly expenditure now amounts to \$232. It is anticipated this will be sufficient until the end of the year and a vote for the excess of \$1,476 is accordingly requested.

**ANTI-JAPANESE
PROPAGANDA.****COMMITTEE FORMED IN
CANTON.**

\$8,000 CONTRIBUTED FOR
INITIAL EXPENSES.

A PARADE SUGGESTED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The large Cantonese subsidized military force which went northwards to Hunan and Kiangsi for the purpose apparently of "suppressing the Reds" has found no job awaiting it, and the commander, General Chien Ta Chun, has returned to Canton to enjoy the life of the city. Canton, however, has to remit \$300,000 monthly to the absent troops for their upkeep in Hunan and Kiangsi as the inhabitants of these provinces, while not opposing them, are not voluntarily contributing anything towards their maintenance.

The Kuomintang war chest in Canton has gained largely recently from the ship's value tax. Each fishing junk has to pay now a contribution of from \$20 to \$80 in order to support the militarists' northern expedition.

As an inducement to General Fan Shick Shiang, at one time a mercenary troop commander under the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen in Canton, to depart for his native province, Yunnan, where he may curse or bless his fellow provincials any way he likes, the Kwangtung Arsenal and other departments of military supplies have turned over to him among other things, 700 rifles, 10,000 sets of uniform, 312 cases of ammunition, and 16 field guns.

The leading organizations in Canton have delegated representatives to form an anti-Japanese Committee to undertake all forms of anti-Japanese propaganda. Those attending the preliminary meeting yesterday contributed a total of more than \$8,000 for initial expenses. The anti-Japanese Committee will be guided by the Political Department of the General Military Headquarters in the Southern Capital.

There will be a convention of delegates of the unions affiliated with the Kwangtung Chung Kung Wui, of General Labour Union, in Canton, on June 18th. Some 20 of the 96 districts of Kwangtung Province are expected to have delegates present. On the same day, the anti-Japanese Committee will also stage a parade.

As previously intimated, Mr. Chen Fu Muh, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labour in Canton, an alleged "Red" whose effort to reorganize the Workers' Delegate Conference has failed up to the present time, has again left for Nanking. The Kuomintang Council of Administration have appointed Mr. Wang Chi Yuan to act for Mr. Chen during the latter's absence from Canton.

The Bureau of Agriculture and Labour have been advised that, henceforth, all disputes between the merchants and workers should be decided only after hearing both sides. For the last two years, it has been the policy of the Bureau, which was at one time under complete "Red" control, simply to act as advocate for labour and to pass judgment in favour of the workers, thus encouraging that labour tyranny the results of which are still being felt.

The departure of former "Red" leaders from Canton has not yet given the desired peace and order in the City. During the last few days there has been far more than the usual display of Military and Police activity in the suburban districts and guards on both the Canton-Hankow (Kwangtung Section) and the Canton-Kowloon Railways have been doubled.

As a result of the discovery that large quantities of "anti-Nanking" circulars are coming into Canton through the post, the Canton Police have added two more censors to the present staff at the Chinese Post Office.

(Continued on next Column.)

**OLD WOMAN'S DEATH.
CURIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.****VERDICT OF "NATURAL
CAUSES."**

How a cigarette seller living in Kowloon met her death last month is likely to remain a mystery, for it appeared that she left her house without anybody knowing and she was not seen until many days after when the Police found her dead body on a hillside a long way from her domicile. Mr. W. Schofield sitting as the Coroner yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy, conducted the inquiry. He was assisted by a jury composed of Mr. F. H. Grapnell (foreman), Mr. E. W. White and Mr. Hansen Gerhardt.

The evidence showed that the deceased was a cigarette seller, aged 56, carrying on her sales in Woosung Road. She lived at No. 118 Woosung Road, first floor, and was last seen alive on May 11th by her eldest daughter who visited her that day. Mother and daughter spent the afternoon together at No. 118, Woosung Road, and at the end of the day the daughter left to join her husband. It appeared that the old woman left her house at about noon on May 13th and never returned to the house. Her eldest daughter heard from her sister the following day that their mother had not been seen for a day. A report was immediately made to the Police, but it was not until May 22nd that she was found dead, by the Police, on the hillside at Kowloon Tsai.

Her body was badly decomposed and she must have been dead for several days.

Medical evidence by Dr. J. E. Dovey, who made the post-mortem examination, was to the effect that death was a result of chronic nephritis. There was no visible cause of death, and no suggestion of violence or strangulation on the body. He dismissed the plea that death might have been the result of a fall. The deceased had bound feet, which although released sixteen years ago, did not render her feet as strong as an ordinary person's. There was a great deal of rice in her stomach and the doctor suggested that death might have been due to sudden heart failure.

The jury returned a verdict of death through natural causes.

NO NOMINATION!

It was notified in the *Government Gazette* of last week-end that an election by the unofficial Justices of the Peace of a Justice from their number to serve on the Licensing Board, would take place in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court on Tuesday next.

Nominations were to close yesterday, and on enquiry it was found that there had been no nominations. Therefore there will be no election.

The parties holding a government monopoly or enjoying the exclusive privilege of dealing in the salt market are expected to contribute a total sum of \$1,000,000 towards the \$2,500,000 required to disband the 1925-1926 Canton-Hong Kong strikers who are still unemployed.

Mr. George Bow, the new managing-director of the Canton-Samsui Railway has gained considerable popularity with the Canton public, as the result of his action compelling militarists to pay railway fares when travelling for pleasure or on private business. Formerly soldiers who never paid for a ticket were always crowding the first and second class coaches to the inconvenience of the general public. Now long Mr. Bow will be able to enforce his rule as a matter of some doubt.

The use of H.M.S. *Robin* as an escort to five Asiatic Petroleum Oil Company launches in the East River districts has aroused a great show of indignation among the Kuomintangites, and at a meeting in Waiyang last Sunday, it was decided to boycott the men and vessels in what was an ordinary shipping enterprise with a gunboat as convoy.

Before taking any drastic step against the "imperialists" of Hong Kong, the Chinese Seamen's Union in Canton have addressed another note to the Hong Kong Government asking that the Chinese Seamen's Union in Hong Kong be permitted to re-open. The note declares that the Hong Kong Branch has violated no law, that the three seamen who were said to have circulated seditious articles acted on their own responsibility and without authority from the Union concerned. A "special convention" of Chinese seamen propose to assemble in Canton Taping Theatre on June 25th to discuss this matter and repeat their demands.

**ELECTROCUTION
MYSTERY.****FALLEN WIRES CAUSE
DEATH.****INQUEST ON UNIDENTIFIED
CHINESE.**

At an inquest before Major Willson and a jury at the Central Magistracy yesterday on an unknown Chinese who was electrocuted in mysterious circumstances, it was stated that the man's death was in a certain measure due to the negligence of a workman who had been told to strip the insulating braid from a wire to be used as an earth.

Police evidence was to the effect that the body had been found at about 9.15 a.m. on May 22nd in Mount Cameron Road. Witness said that he saw the body lying in the road about 500 yards from the Hong Kong Telephone Company's store room in Cameron Road. The body, which was partly covered with a palm-leaf coat, showed no wounds, but there was a red mark around the throat. The man had apparently been electrocuted. Wires were hanging down from overhead, and about 200 or 300 yards from the body were some more wires on the road. Near the body was a pair of pliers, two coils of wire and four porcelain insulators.

Witness continued that the body was taken to the Police Station and afterwards to the Victoria Mortuary. As far as he knew, the body had not been identified although extensive inquiries had been made.

Mr. V. D. Sorby, Mains Engineer of the Hong Kong Electric Company, said that on Sunday, May 22nd, a Chinese came to his house at 330, The Peak, saying that a man had been killed in Mount Cameron Road. Witness accompanied this man to the spot, equipped with a pair of pliers and a pair of rubber gloves. About a quarter of a mile down the road he saw that a telephone wire had fallen across the electric light wires. The man who had called him conducted him up a side-path where more wires were lying. Witness cut the telephone wires clear of the electric wires, and further along the path he found the body lying upon its back. With the help of the Chinese he got it onto the road and then sent for help to a nearby house. Witness tried artificial respiration, but the body became cold and he abandoned his efforts. Later he found that the man who had informed him of the mishap had run away. A police inspector was sent for, and witness also communicated with the Telephone Company. When he returned to the spot he saw the pliers and other articles.

His Worship remarks that it was of great importance that the pliers be produced in court. The pliers were of Chinese make, added witness. The electric light wires ran parallel to the road and about 20 feet above it; the telephone wires crossed them. The telephone wires had been cut or broken and were hanging over the electric wires. In the line were five wires—the top one an earth wire, the two lower also earth wires, and the two middle live wires.

Workmen's Negligence.
About six months ago, the top earth wire, which had previously been made of galvanised iron, broke and it was decided to replace it with a copper wire. A length of wire covered with braid was selected, and the Chinese workmen were told to remove this, since otherwise the wire would not earth the current. When an investigation was made after the accident, it was found that although the braid had been stripped from five lengths of the wire, the rest of it was still covered and therefore useless. Had the wire been bare, it would have earthed the current and the electrocution would have been impossible.

Corroborative evidence was given by Mr. G. H. M. Bannerman and Mr. Robert Kirkwood, telephone engineer at the Hong Kong Telephone Company. The case was adjourned until June 22nd to permit of the attendance of other witnesses.

**ENTERTAINING THE
SERVICE MEN.****THREE CONCERTS THIS
WEEK.****TWO SPECIAL EVENTS ON
SATURDAY.**

Service men now in the Colony are being exceptionally well catered for this week in the way of entertainments. Yesterday we gave particulars of the concert which is to be given at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening for Servicemen only from 6.30 to nine o'clock. An excellent programme, to which well known local ladies and gentlemen are contributing as well as a number of the Forces' performers has been arranged.

In addition a series of special entertainments are to be given for Servicemen, also on Saturday night, over on the Kowloon side. Thus Servicemen have the option of attending either the Theatre Royal, or this second concert, at the "Better Ole," Y.M.C.A., Peking Road, Kowloon.

The latter has been arranged for Servicemen only by the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Sub-Committee and it is commencing at 7 p.m. A very fine programme is announced, which includes the Band of the 1st Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) by kind permission of Lt. Col. E. B. Ferres, D.S.O., and Officers; Conductor, Mr. Horace E. Dowell, L.R.A.M., and the "J. Pans" under the direction of Miss Violet Capell, who are appearing with an entire change of programme.

There will be no charge for admission and all Servicemen are cordially invited to attend.

A Third Concert.
There is a smaller concert this week. That is on a smaller scale to the two referred to above, but should prove very popular. It is to be given at the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A., Chater Road, to-morrow evening by the Taikoo Entertainers, who appear there regularly every alternate Friday, and have become very popular. The entertainment is being organised by Mr. E. Howell and among the artists taking part are Mr. G. McLeod, well-known in musical circles here, Mr. W. Johnson, Sergt. Donmall and Mr. Minney. Mr. H. J. Fountain will be at the piano.

Last Night's Concert.
Last evening there was an excellent concert at the "Better Ole" Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, under the auspices of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Sub-Committee. A feature of the programme was the appearance of the band of the 1st Batt. The Northamptonshire Regt., by permission of Lt. Col. S. J. Thunders, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., and Officers, and conducted by Mr. W. Cresswell, L.R.A.M. (the bandmaster).

Their programme was as under: Suite, "A Coon's Day Out" (Baynes); Piece, "The Wedding of the Rose" (Jessell); Grand Selection, "Samson and Delilah" (Saint Saens); Suite, "The Shoe" (Ansell); Characteristic, "The Grasshopper's Dance" (Bucalossi); Selection, "The Gipsy" (Jones). In addition to the band, there were excellent contributions by the Taikoo Concert Party, arranged by Mr. R. A. Brown. Songs were given by Mrs. McLeod (Mezzo Soprano), Miss D. Pancheson (Soprano), Mr. W. Johnston (Humorist), Mr. McLeod (Tenor) and Mr. A. Chapman (Tenor).

Recitations were given by Mrs. Mather and Miss Aichison.

**CONTROLLING THE
TRAFFIC.****AN AGA SIGNALLING DEVICE
INSTALLED.**

A new Aga traffic signalling device has been installed at the junction of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road, thus displacing the tramway standard which formerly stood on this spot, and the two traffic policemen. The standard is between the two sets of tram lines and comprises a white box with a red light on each of its four sides at the top. This system does away with the necessity for traffic police, as the signal lights work alternately from the four points during day and night. Motorists have to reduce speed when approaching and pass it always on the left, having the standard on the off-side.

Prior to this installation it has been necessary to have two traffic policemen on duty there, as it is one of the busiest traffic crossings in the central district. This system of traffic control has been proved of much success in other countries, particularly in America and Sweden, and it is works as well here, no doubt an extension will be made to other traffic control points in the Colony.

PAYMENT UNDER DURESS.**GOODS THAT WERE NEEDED
TO COMPLETE A
CONTRACT.****JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT:
NOTICE OF APPEAL
GIVEN.**

The adjourned case in which the Wo Hing Firm, of No. 8, Kwai Heung Street, gunning bag dealers, claimed \$450, being money received by the defendants, Katch & Co., Ltd., No. 34, Queen's Road Central, importers and exporters, for the use of the plaintiffs, was again before Mr. P. Jacks (Puisne Judge) at the Summary Court yesterday.

When the case was before the Court at the end of May Mr. W. D. Owen, who appeared for the plaintiffs, said that the sum claimed was paid by the plaintiffs to defendants under duress. There was an agreement to sell certain goods made between the defendant firm and the plaintiffs in April this year. Delivery of the goods, under that agreement, and they were due on April 20th. Plaintiffs attended on April 20th and paid for the goods, but were refused delivery, the reason given being that under another contract, not between plaintiffs and defendants, plaintiffs by delay had caused certain other goods to arrive late to defendants, and for damage caused they, the defendants, claimed \$450. Unless this was paid defendants refused to deliver the goods to the plaintiffs. Eventually, and under protest, the plaintiffs paid the sum asked for, because if they had not obtained the delivery of these goods they would have suffered very severe financial loss, as the goods had been sold under contract to another firm.

At that hearing, after Mr. L. D. Turner, for the defendants, had submitted that plaintiffs had paid \$450 as a consideration for obtaining delivery of the goods under the April contract, and that the plaintiff firm had agreed with the defendants that damage had been incurred, and eventually agreed to pay \$450 as compensation. The case was adjourned for legal argument yesterday.

Argument ensued yesterday on the goods and to withhold delivery until the money asked for was paid, etc.

His Lordship gave judgment for defendants.

Mr. Owen gave notice of an application to appeal against this judgment.

**BICYCLE PITCHED INTO
HARBOUR.****COMPLAINANT'S TALE OF
ASSAULT BY COOLIES.**

A charge of disorderly conduct was brought against a Chinese who appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the offence having been committed on the Praya at West Point on Tuesday morning. Defendant was also charged with assaulting another Chinese.

Inspector Grant said that the complainant was riding a bicycle when he accidentally collided with the accused who was removing cargo with some other men. The accused and his friends set upon the complainant and tore his coat badly. They then pitched his bicycle into the harbour.

The complainant reported the matter at the police station. While he was there the accused came in with a rusty bicycle which he said a small boy had fished out of the harbour. Complainant recognised him as one of his assailants and he was charged. The complainant also said that the bicycle was not his property. He had not attempted to recover his machine from the harbour because he was afraid he would be assaulted again if he went back to the Praya.

The Magistrate adjourned the case until to-day for the police to assist the complainant in recovering his bicycle. Bail in the sum of \$25 was extended.

**MAGISTRATE'S SECOND
THOUGHTS.**

A recent case of theft had a rather unusual development at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when the defendant, on being fined \$50, was later discharged by Mr. W. Schofield, who reconsidered his previous decision.

Accused, a Chinese was originally charged with larceny at the Tai Wan Bathing Beach of a fountain pen, the property of Mr. G. E. F. Thompson. At the first hearing the complainant failed to appear to prosecute and the charge of theft was amended to one of unlawful possession.

On the case being called yesterday, Sergeant Morton, in reply to his Worship, said the complainant was again not in court. Mr. Thompson had intimated that he did not wish to prosecute.

In discharging the defendant, his Worship said: "I am reconsidering my decision. The charge of unlawful possession is withdrawn, and you are discharged."

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NOTICE.

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GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & Co.,
Solicitors for Mr. Chu Kin Tung,
St. George's Building,
Chater Road, Hong Kong.
Hong Kong, 15th June, 1927. [5034]

GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS for SPECIES and MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of £50,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICE, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 o'clock A.M. on the 16th JUNE, 1927. The Tenders to state the Total Amount (in Pounds Sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100. The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICE, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, Etc."

The right to accept or reject any, or all of the Tenders is reserved. Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

"Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Acts 22 (George III), Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 52, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills)."

"The provisions in question do not apply to Contractors entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity, and made for the general benefit of the Company."

H. G. RILEY, Lieut. Colonel,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.C.
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hong Kong, 15th June, 1927. [5032]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

THE LIST of SUBSCRIBERS will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 16th JUNE, 1927 at 5 P.M.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
[5017]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 25th JUNE, 1927 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stadium.
Entries will CLOSE at 1 P.M. on THURSDAY, 16th JUNE, 1927.
[5018]

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Office of the O.C. R.A.S.G., Headquarters, Victoria Barracks, Hong Kong, until 12 Noon on the Date stated, for the undermentioned Services for the Periods as stated:—

FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS COMMENCING 1st JULY, 1927.

23rd JUNE, 1927:—

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MONDAY, 4th JULY, 1927:—

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[5030]

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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SITUATE at VICTORIA, Hong Kong, registered at the Land Office as SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 17, Together with all Buildings thereon known as Nos. 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central and No. 14, Stanley Street to be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION on Monday, the 20th day of June, 1927, at 3 o'clock P.M., by Mr. E. V. M. R. De Sousa, the Auctioneer, in his Auction Room, No. 4, Duddell Street, Hong Kong.
For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to:—Dr. S. W. Ts'o, Solicitor for the Vendor, No. 26, Des Voeux Road Central or to Mr. E. V. M. R. De Sousa, the Auctioneer, Hong Kong, the 18th day of May, 1927.
[4938]

INTIMATIONS.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, JUNE 16th, 1927

THE HIGHLAND UNIFORM.

THE battlefield, in centuries past a magnificent and awe-inspiring sight, has been reduced by the horrors of twentieth-century science to a grim, dreary shambles; to-day it is a field of "blood and mud"—a phrase coined during the Great War. The erstwhile grandeur and pageantry of the British Army has fled before the march of progress, and what still remains is only exhibited on State occasions.

Our Army, however, is still distinguished by one of the most brilliant and yet the most martial of military uniforms—the traditional costume of the Scottish Highlands. The ex-Kaiser paid a splendid tribute—though perhaps he did not intend it as such—to the Highlanders when in an inspired moment he called them the "Women from Hell"; yet who shall say that there is aught of the devil's mark about them when they march in all their ceremonial peace-time splendour? The swing of the kilt—perhaps one should say filibeg, from the Gaelic *fillead-beag*—so dear to the heart of every Scot; the graceful hang of the voluminous plaid, now but a picturesque modification of the useful garment that once enabled the hardy clansmen to brave many a cruel night on the mountains; the silver buckles, the glittering, silver knobbed dirk and the *schuan* peeping from the stocking-top; the feathered bonnets and the white gaiters.

Well might we Englishmen, when we see a Highland regiment, or even a Lowland regiment with

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Highland-dressed pipers, lament the days of splendour that for us are over, or at least swiftly on the wane. Yet the Scot was once well-nigh in a like plight. He forfeited his birthright to a Hanoverian king—was deprived of much that has, in common with a national tongue still spoken in the Highlands, kept his countrymen so closely knit together. When the clans came out for the Young Pretender in 1745 they came out in the full glory of kilt and plaid, dirk and claymore; but after the Bonnie Prince had left them upon the field to fend for themselves an Act of Parliament was passed denying to them their right to wear Highland costume. That Act was not repealed for nearly 40 years.

King George himself now frequently assumes the kilt when he goes North and in so doing is only following the precedent of another monarch—JAMES V. of Scotland—who nearly 400 years ago ordered Highland dress for a hunting excursion. If English uniforms had stood the test of time in like manner to the Scottish, our Army would now strut in the brilliantly-faced scarlet cut-away jacket, white breeches, long gaiters and mitre cap of the late eighteenth century; or in the hardly less resplendent finery of the Peninsula and Waterloo; or even of the Crimea, the last great campaign of the shako and the blue and scarlet. But all those fine feathers have dropped into oblivion as complete as that in which their fierce whiskered wearers now lie; only the warlike Highlander's uniform has survived with little alteration.

Though pipe-clay is not the indispensable part of a soldier's pack that once it was, and though gone for ever are most of the outward signs of martial glory, Englishmen can claim as their own the still beautiful dress of the Coldstream Guards, the Grenadiers, the cuirassiers and plumed Household Brigade.

Yet when we drop the much-misused term of Englishman and assume

the still prouder name of Briton, we are fond of sharing with the Patriotic Scot his natural pride in the heritage that his fathers have handed down to him through the ages.

This does not mean, however, that we are ashamed of the drab khaki. There is still a spark of beauty and certainly a sense of efficiency in the khaki clad British Army. May it long survive.

A meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce is to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

Another British case of enteric and two Chinese cases of the same disease were reported on Tuesday.

Iron Bux, who is now in Saigon, was to meet Amadu, the Senegalese on the evening of June 10th.

Thieves gained entrance to No. 383, Shanghai Street, second floor, on Tuesday, and stole jewellery and clothing worth \$81.

Money and jewellery to the value of \$170 was stolen from a room at No. 124, Connaught Road Central, on Tuesday the property of a Chinese.

On Tuesday morning near the Central Market, in Des Voeux Road, a Chinese boy was knocked down by a tramcar, and severely injured his head. He was taken to hospital.

Senator Whelan, visiting the East to review trade conditions, has proceeded to Canton, and will return in time to embark by the s.s. *Kalgan* sailing north on Saturday.

Mr. Li Sin Kun, who was connected with the Ministry of Finance in Canton, arrived here two days ago. The local vernacular papers stated that he would leave for Shanghai yesterday.

The daughter of Mr. Isako, the proprietor of the circus now at Wanchai, has been removed to hospital for an operation for appendicitis. Miss Isako is a very clever equestrienne and tight wire walker.

REMINER: Entries close to-day at 1 p.m. for the 5th Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, at Happy Valley on Saturday, June 25th. The list of subscribers for subscription griffins also closes to-day, at 5 p.m.

While walking along Hillier Street a Chinese was struck on the head by a bundle of wood which fell from the first floor verandah. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, but it is believed that he was not seriously hurt.

It is understood that a quantity of sedition "literature" from Hankow is passing through the Post Office for members of the Seamen's Union on board river steamers running out of Hong Kong. Action is being taken.

Found swimming in the Harbour near the Star Ferry Wharf, Hong Kong, a ship's engineer, named Mr. H. Heggun, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital on Tuesday. It is not known how Mr. Heggun came to be in the water.

In connection with the armed robbery at Tai Tong Wu village, Shataukok early on Monday morning, when two cows and two bulls were stolen, a police report states that the two cows have been found on the hillside. So far no arrests have been made.

The vernacular press states that several of the labour unions in Macao, which included the barbers' and the mechanics' union, were recently prohibited by the Macao Government, resulting in some of the officials of the unions being arrested and some deported.

The Welch Regiment, from the Peninsula Hotel, carried out a route march yesterday morning to Laichikok, accompanied by brass and pipe bands. Leaving the Hotel at 8.30, and clad in shorts and shirts, the troops attracted a great deal of attention by their smart bearing.

Whilst cycling in Nathan Road, Yau-mat, on Tuesday, a young Chinese woman, knocked down a pedestrian, for which she was fined \$7 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday. It was said that the defendant was warned prior to the accident and told to practise riding in less frequented areas.

Shareholders in the Hong Kong Development, Building and Savings Society, Ltd., who are interested in the summons for payment of a call on their respective shares have been requested to attend a meeting at the Club Luncheon, Ice House Street, this evening at 5.30. Shareholders attending the meeting will probably hear something which may be to their advantage.

LOCAL WEDDING.

MISS H. M. SULLY—MR. C. C. WARREN.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY AT CATHEDRAL.

A very pretty wedding, of much local interest, took place yesterday afternoon at St. John's Cathedral, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle officiating.

Both bride and bridegroom are well known locally. The bride, Miss Henrietta Mary Sully, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henry Sully, of No. 2, A.O.D. Quarters, Kennedy Road, and the bridegroom, Mr. Charles Christie Warren, is a Chief Officer in the employ of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white georgette trimmed with silver lace, with a train of georgette over Paisie Crêpe. She also wore a veil with orange blossom and carried a bouquet of white roses and maidenhair fern.

The bridesmaids were Miss Rosina Sully and Miss Marjorie May, and they wore dresses of pale blue satin with head dress of leaves to match. They also carried posies.

Also in attendance on the bride were two flower-girls, Connie Sully and Barbara Clark, whose dresses were of pale blue crêpe-de-chine. They carried baskets of pink roses.

The duties of "best man" were carried out by Captain Walter Allan Balch.

Following the Cathedral ceremony, a reception was held at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, and later Mr. and Mrs. Warren left for Repulse Bay, where they are spending the first part of their honeymoon. The bride's going away frock was of old rose crêpe-de-chine with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Warren leave for England on Saturday, June 26th, on the P. & O. s.s. *Mantua*.

Many handsome and useful presents were received, including a silver tea-service to the bride from the staff of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., where until recently she has been employed.

POPULARITY OF MOON-LIGHT PICNICS.

TWO LAST NIGHT—REPULSE BAY AND CLEAR WATER BAY.

Bathing picnics are more popular than ever this summer. They have always been a feature of the hot weather season, but hitherto have been conducted principally by private parties who charter a launch, if none of their members are fortunate enough to own one.

Now, however, various social clubs are taking it up on an extensive scale, notably St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, and the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. St. Peter's Club held a launch picnic every Saturday, while the Y.M.C.A. have arranged one every alternate Saturday, with several moonlight picnics in between.

Yesterday there were two launch and bathing picnics. St. Peter's Young Men's Club inaugurated their series of moonlight bathing picnics for the season, and a large and merry party to members and friends, mostly all young people, left Queen's Pier at 8.30 last evening for Repulse Bay. A very happy time, it goes without saying, was spent, and a return was made late at night.

Also yesterday the University Union held its first bathing picnic, Clear Water Bay having been chosen. This took place in the afternoon, and was also well attended.

LOCAL PROPERTY DEAL.

MOUNT DAVIS RESIDENCE PURCHASED.

The residence known as "Shui-tong Villa," at Sassoon Road, Mount Davis, was on Tuesday purchased by Mr. Kwok Hin Wang, Managing Director of Hin Fat & Co., Ltd., coal merchants and general stores, 81, Bonhau Street, West.

The property comprises 37,000 square feet, and has a garden and tennis court. It will be known as "Diligent Home" in future.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6 p.m., stated:—

A depression covers the Yellow Sea. Pressure is low over China.

LOCAL FORECAST: South winds, moderate, fair.

OBITUARY.

MR. C. ALEXANDER.

WELL-KNOWN IN THE COLONY.

News was received in the Colony yesterday of the death at home of Mr. Charles Alexander, who was well known to a very wide circle of friends in Hong Kong.

News of Mr. Alexander's death was received by Mr. A. M. Simpson, of the Kowloon Dock, in a cablegram from Police Inspector John Ogg, who is now at Home on leave. The cable stated that Mr. Alexander passed away on Tuesday at Broughty Ferry, Dundee.

The late Mr. Alexander, who was a marine engineer, first came to the Far East about 35 years ago, joining one of the Docks at Singapore. It was in 1900 that he came to Hong Kong to join the Kowloon Dock, but he resigned his position there six years later, subsequently joining the Dock again and serving for many years. He left a few years ago to join Messrs. Nemaee & Company as Chief Engineer and saw service on that firm's ships until he left for Home about 18 months ago.

Mr. Alexander was twice married, his son by his first wife being the Manager of a large tea estate in India. His second wife was formerly Miss Barrington, who, together with the two children, are at Home. Much sympathy will go out to them in the loss they have sustained.

Of a genial and hearty disposition, the late Mr. Alexander was widely popular. He was an enthusiastic bowls player, being one of the founders and a life member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. A native of Aberdeen, he was a typical Scot in custom and speech, and will be much missed by all who knew him.

PROPERTY SALE.

NO. 40, ELGIN STREET.

At Messrs. Lammert Brothers auction rooms Duddell Street yesterday afternoon, by order of the mortgagee, a leasehold property at No. 40, Elgin Street, was sold. This property has an area of 1,422 square feet, and an annual Crown rent \$8.05.

The upset price was \$20,000, and bidding, which was brisk, progressed by stages of \$200 at first, and later by rises of \$100. Sam Fat became the purchaser for \$25,600.

THE KOCKY OLLY BIRDS' CONCERT.

The Kocky Oly Birds (the regimental concert party of the King's Own Scottish Borderers) made their debut in a hilarious performance at Mount Austin Barracks last night.

The "Birds" staged a show that cannot be anything but a success, for what they lack in professional polish they make up in rare Scottish humor. If it were not for the military uniforms of the orchestra, one could well imagine oneself listening to a party of pierrots at the seaside in August, especially since the "Birds" are neatly dressed a la "Co-Optimists."

The following are the names of the "Birds":—

Messrs. Rice Reid, Jimmy Jeffreys, Jack Smith, Ronny Rudland, Danny Docherty, Robbie Byrne, and Miss Hetty Hay. "Miss" Hay, a gauche, raw-boned Amazon with a well-cultivated feminine voice, has made a specialty of "her" part. She plays the parlormaid, the hula-hula girl, and the wicked wife, supported by Jack Smith, of Scotland, and Jimmy Jeffreys. These three are certainly the backbone of the party.

Most of the items were songs, either of the modern kind or the "Old Home" type; and both were sung with a rare Scottish accent.

The troupe presented a number of clever sketches, including "Honolulu Song Bird," which offered Danny Docherty an opportunity to give a melodious mandoline solo, and "Miss" Hay to dance a hula in a grotesque frill of coarse straw.

During the performance the regimental band, under the direction of Bandmaster W. H. Fitzerald, A.R.C.M., played selections. Miss Holly Mahoney was accompanist.

The humour has extended itself to the handbills and programme, for on the latter appears the modest and rather distorted caption, "Once seen, never forgiven," and on the latter an advertisement for "Kelly's Kill or Kure Cream," "Kelly" had as much trade from the military section of the audience as he could cope with.

The "Birds" gave their audience excellent value for their money; no one seemed to leave before the week in which to prepare the concert.

SUMMONS AGAINST A COMPANY.

WHO IS TO PAY FINE OR GO TO PRISON?

MANAGER WHO IS IN SHANGHAI.

A somewhat unusual situation arose during the hearing of a case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the question being who would pay a fine of \$25, or serve 14 days' imprisonment in default made against a defendant company.

The magistrate was hearing a summons brought by the Building Authority against the Manager of the Rural Road Investment Company for failing to comply with a P.W.D. notice to take down some scaffolding from some flats in the course of erection on the Peak, within a period of 14 days.

Mr. D. L. Strellett said he had received instructions to appear for the defendant, and admitted that the notice had not been complied with. There had been difficulty in getting the contractor to take the scaffolding down after he had erected it, but he thought that if the summons could be adjourned for a week the work would be done.

Scaffolding on the front of the building, he said, had been taken down, but there was some more at the back, which was holding castings ready for cement in positions, which had not been removed.

Mr. Lindsell remarked he did not see why he should grant an adjournment for an offence which had been admitted, and he asked Mr. R. S. W. Paterson, who was prosecuting for the P.W.D., what he thought of the application.

Mr. Paterson said he agreed that as the offence had been committed he did not see any reason for the adjournment. Also the Building Authority would prefer an order from the Court for the scaffolding to be taken down to their satisfaction within a week.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Strellett said the Company was still in existence but was not functioning. There were two directors in the Colony, he believed, but he understood that the manager was in Shanghai.

Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$25, and asked whether the fine would be paid at once or whether Mr. Strellett said he did not think so, as the manager was in Shanghai.

His Worship remarked that in that case he would have to make the alternative 14 days' imprisonment.

Mr. Strellett, smiling: Well, there is only myself your Worship, but I don't think you have the power to make that order against a company.

Mr. Lindsell replied that the manager was summoned, and he accepted Mr. Strellett's appearance for the manager.

Mr. Strellett said he was not sure whether he could point the manager out, and Mr. Lindsell said if a warrant had to be issued for his arrest, then that would be a difficulty for the police.

His Worship accordingly imposed a fine of \$25, or 14 days' imprisonment, and made an order for the work to be done in seven days to the satisfaction of the Building Authority.

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT.

WHIPPED BEFORE AND TO BE WHIPPED AGAIN.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese youth was charged with picking the pocket of a Chinese in Wanchai on Tuesday night.

The complainant said he was among a crowd standing outside Isako's Circus when a Chinese constable approached him with the accused in custody and asked him if he had lost anything. He searched his pockets and found that \$2.50 in money and a knife and two keys on a ring were missing. The accused was searched by the constable and the knife and keys were found on his person. The money was not recovered.

The constable said he saw the accused pick the complainant's pocket and immediately grabbed him. The witness did not think it possible for the accused to pass the money to someone else before he was caught. He was inclined to the belief that the complainant's pocket had been picked once previously and the money removed. The accused was apparently the second member of the light finger brigade to pick out the complainant as a victim.

The Magistrate convicted and Inspector Blackman proved two previous convictions last year.

Mr. Lindsell: You were whipped twice before. Do you like it?—I was beaten only once.

You enjoyed it, I suppose? You will receive 12 strokes this time.

WUHAN'S CONDITION CRITICAL.

HAICHOW LOOTED BY NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SOLDIERS.

JAPANESE ROUGHLY TREATED.

CHINA'S "REDS" AND "ANTI-REDS."

SOUTHERN TROOPS ENTERING SHANTUNG.

"RED-SPEARS" HARASSING NORTHERNERS.

News from Tokyo is to the effect that members of what is described as the "Second Kuomintang Branch" held a meeting at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Tokyo on the 12th instant. The purpose of the meeting was to demonstrate against Japanese mobilisation for China. The police, however, raided the premises and broke up the meeting. In the scuffle, 32 of the Kuomintang were injured and 85 arrested.

The matter is being taken up by the Chinese *Chargé d'Affaires* at Tokyo and the Japanese Government.

The Southern Army claim fresh victories in Shantung and Kiangsu.

They also claim to have captured 7,000 Shantung troops and a large quantity of ammunition.

Meanwhile, the Fengtienese seem determined to continue to oppose the Southerners, and doubtless the big struggle will take place in Chihli province.

The attack upon the Wuhan cities seems to be gathering strength.

Haichow city has been looted by both Northern and Southern soldiers, and the Japanese there escaped with difficulty. Those on board one of their ships, carrying refugees, were subjected to much insolent treatment by Southern soldiers.

HAICHOW LOOTED BY BOTH SIDES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RED SPEARS HARASSING THE NORTHERNERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, June 15th. Japanese reports state that Chiang Kai Shek's troops have captured Haichow (a sea port in Northern Kiangsu) after fierce fighting.

When it was known that the Southerners were approaching, Sun Chuan Fang's troops commenced looting the town, and the process was completed by the Southerners, who robbed and outraged in wholesale fashion.

Japanese women and children had already been evacuated, and Japanese males equipped in the clothes in which they stood up in, after witnessing terrible scenes.

Later, a body of Southerners fired on the Japanese refugee-ship, the *Kobai Maru*. They then boarded and looted the vessel, the refugees and crew not resisting, despite the insolent behaviour of the troops.

The Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, as protested to the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and requested that full protection be given to the Japanese remaining at Haichow.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao).

Lively Affair in Tokyo.

SHANGHAI, June 15th. A number of Kuomintang members of the "Second Kuomintang Branch" met at the premises of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Tokyo on the 12th inst. to demonstrate against the Japanese mobilisation for China. During the course of the meeting, Japanese police, numbering some 200, raided the building and broke up the meeting. A scuffle ensued, resulting in 32 Kuomintang men being injured and 85 arrested.

The Chinese *Chargé d'Affaires* is taking up the matter with the Japanese Government.

The Southerners have claimed to occupy Tancheng, in the extreme south of Shantung.

According to General Yeh Kai Hsin's report, his troops have captured more than 7,000 Shantung soldiers and a large quantity of ammunition.

The Northern troops have retreated towards Yichow, near Lincheng.

Troops Nearing Wuchang.

It is persistently reported that the anti-Reds, led by General Shao Tao Yan, have advanced to Wuchang, while General Yan San's forces are near Wuchang, not far from Wuchang. Wu-Han is in a critical condition.

General Chiang Kai Shek is reported to have gone to Hsichow to-night.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang ordered General Yo Wei Chun's troops to attack Yencheng and proceed to the eastern section of Honan.

Fengtienese Conference.

SHANGHAI, June 15th. According to a Fengtienese report, at the latest conference, at which Sun Chuan Fang and Chang Tsung Chang attended, many important resolutions were passed, namely:—

1. To support Marshal Chang Tsung Chang as President of the Central Government.

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THE POWERS AND RUSSIA.

THE "PROBLEM" OF BOLSHEVISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, June 15th. What are described as "Locarno" discussions, arranged at short notice and conducted privately in Sir Austen Chamberlain's room at his hotel, have greatly intrigued the journalists attending the League Council.

M. Briand, M. Vandervelde, Dr. Stresemann, Sig. Scialoja and Baron Ishii were present.

The Conference lasted two hours. The Ministers, who are very reticent, met again to-day.

The "Russian Problem."

PARIS, June 15th. The newspapers declare that the Russian problem was considered at yesterday's private discussions at Geneva.

French correspondence discredit the possibility of an Anglo-Franco-German Alliance against the Soviet.

The *Petit Journal's* correspondent declares that there is a possibility of the holding of an International Conference on the Russian question being considered.

BRITISH FILMS.

GOVERNMENT BILL AMENDED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, June 14th. The Government's Cinematograph Film Bill, which abolishes the so-called blind and block booking, and secures the exhibition of a fixed quota of British films, has been modified as a result of a meeting of representatives of the trade.

Details of the agreement were revealed in the House of Commons by the President of the Board of Trade to-day. The Bill proposed a quota of 64 per cent. of British films, rising by 24 per cent. annually to 25 per cent. This proposal has been modified so that it operates for twelve years only, and the maximum quota is 20 per cent. instead of 25.

It was stated that the trade held that permanent protection of the industry was inadvisable, and it was intended merely to establish the industry on national and imperial grounds. The committee accepted the Government amendment.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Hankow's Shortage Of Rice.

HANKOW, June 14th. The shortage of rice is becoming increasingly acute in Hankow, and hundreds of coolies are virtually starving. It is feared that the food crisis will reach a climax very shortly, as it is understood that ports below Hankow have refused to send rice to relieve the situation.

Southern's Latest Captures.

SHANGHAI, June 15th. Nanking claims that the Nationalists under General Yeh Kai Chen captured Yenchow on the 13th. Seven thousand Shantung troops were taken prisoner.

General Wang Tien Pei reports that the armies of Chang Tsung Chang and Sun Chuan Fang have been overwhelmingly defeated at Hanchuang and Tai-er-chuang. The remnants of the two northern armies, numbering less than 30,000, are retreating in great disorder, and they are not able to offer further resistance before reaching Tsinan.

General Wang further claims that the Nationalists will be able to reach the southern bank of the Yellow River very shortly.

Quiet On The Yangtze.

SHANGHAI, June 14th. There is no change in the situation at Shanghai, which is normal, and reports from the Yangtze ports contain nothing out of the way. Anti-foreign feeling appears to have died down to an appreciable extent along the Yangtze.

Yang Sen's Retreat.

IOHANG, June 14th. Defeated by the "Reds" after a brief engagement Yang Sen's forces are retreating to Ichang, steamers and junks being commandeered for the purpose of transport. General Yang Sen has already retired to Shasi.

STEVEDORE STRIKE AT MANILA.

FORCE SENT FROM CAVITE.

VESSELS DELAYED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MANILA, June 15th. Owing to the stevedore strike at Manila, Cavite Navy Yard has sent a force of stevedores to transfer supplies for the marines in China from the *President Taft* to the *Henderson*.

The supplies are for 5,000 men for two months.

The work is being rushed on the *Henderson*, which leaves for Tientsin on Friday.

Commercial cargo is not being unloaded, which has delayed the *President Taft* and two other vessels by the strike.

Strike-Breakers Obtained.

LATER. The Dollar Line have obtained strike-breakers and it is expected that the *President Taft* will sail according to schedule.

DEATH OF POPULAR ENGLISH AUTHOR.

MR. JEROME K. JEROME.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, June 14th. The death has occurred of the author, Mr. Jerome K. Jerome.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, June 14th. The well-known novelist and author, Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, died to-day from cerebral haemorrhage. [Mr. Jerome K. Jerome was born at Walsall in 1859, the eldest son of the Rev. Clapp Jerome, and was educated at Marylebone Grammar School. He was a clerk, a schoolmaster, an actor, a journalist, and finally a playwright. He edited the *Idler* in conjunction with Mr. Robert Barr (1892 to 1897) and *To-day*, from 1893 to 1897.]

His "Three Men in a Boat," is perhaps the most popular of his works. He issued "On the Stage and Off" in 1899, "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow" in 1899, and "Three Men in a Boat" in 1899. A number of other works followed in fairly regular sequence, the last of his better-known books being "Anthony John," published in 1923. He later issued "My Life and Times," an autobiography. Of his plays, the best known is "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," which with Forbes Robertson in the leading part, had a long run.

Mr. Jerome married a Spanish lady, Senorita Georgina Noza, the daughter of an officer in the Spanish army, in 1888, and there was one child of the marriage, a daughter.

As recently as last February, he visited Walsall, the place of his birth, to receive the freedom of the city.

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

ADDITIONAL FACTS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, June 14th. The British trade returns for May show exports exceeding those of any month since March of last year. They totalled \$63,500,000 over the previous month. Compared with the figures for May of last year, there was an increase of \$70,000,000, but exports in that month were adversely affected by the general strike. Last month's export figures were, however, only \$200,000 lower than those of May, 1925.

The adverse balance was reduced by a drop in the imports of \$2,250,000, compared with April. The imports for May totalled over \$200,000,000.

HOLLAND TO DUTCH INDIES.

FIRST PASSENGER-CARRYING AEROPLANE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, June 15th. The first passenger-carrying aeroplane from Holland to the Dutch Indies left Schiphol Aerodrome with a passenger named Van Le Arblack with its valet.

It is hoped to complete the journey in five weeks (?) via India and Singapore.

MISSING FRENCH AVIATORS.

"MYSTERIOUS FLARES" SEEN IN NORTHERN QUEBEC.

SEARCHING FOR NUNGESSOR AND COLI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

QUEBEC, June 15th. Intense interest has been aroused by the report of a forester who has seen mysterious flares apparently of Vercy lights or petrol torches in the sparsely populated Saguenay district, north of the St. Lawrence River below Quebec.

It is thought possible that Nungesser and Coli may have passed over Newfoundland in a fog and flown over Labrador to Northern Quebec and landed at some remote spot. Every forestry official in the Saguenay has been ordered to search for any trace of the aviators, but as there are few roads in the district and communication is only possible by boats or afoot, it may be some time before there is any definite news.

Paris Newspapers Sceptical.

PARIS, June 15th. The newspapers are sceptical of the report from Quebec and point out that the aviators had no flares, and that as the Saguenay district is not entirely uninhabited it is unlikely that they would not have met other human beings.

LABOUR PROBLEMS.

BEING DISCUSSED AT GENEVA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, June 14th. At the Labour Conference, on the ground that the draft questionnaire as regards the freedom of association had been amended by the Governments, and did not afford protection to workers' rights, the workers' delegates voted against the questionnaire, which was rejected by 54 to 42.

A resolution was finally adopted by 50 to 42 to refer the subject back to the committee with a view to reaching a compromise on the contending views of the workers and employers.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S HEALTH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, June 14th. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who has been convalescing at Lissie-mouth, states in a letter to his party that he is no longer an invalid, and anticipates that he will return to politics at the end of the month.

TRIAL OF KOWCERDA.

ROSENGOLZ ASKED TO ATTEND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, June 14th. At the invitation of the Polish Extraordinary Court, the late Soviet *Chargé d'Affaires* at London, Rosengolz, has gone to Warsaw to attend the trial of Kowcerda in connection with the assassination of Yikov.

FRANCE'S REVENUE.

CONSIDERABLE INCREASE.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, June 15th. The total revenue returns for May amount to 3,256,000,000 of francs, of which 3,147,000,000 are from permanent normal sources, which show an increase of 1,418,000,000 against the figures of May, 1926.

The total excess compared with the Budget forecasts amounts to 650,000,000 for the first five months of 1927.

FAMOUS FRENCH FLIER'S ACCIDENT.

DOISY'S UNFORTUNATE CRASH.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, June 14th. Two miles after starting from Le Bourget for India, on his attempt to reach the Far East in two hops, Pelletier Doisy, who was accompanied by the aviator Gouin, crashed in the road, and his machine burst into flames.

The two airmen escaped.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

Le Bourget, June 14th. An aeroplane carrying Pelletier Doisy and Gouin hopped off for a non-stop flight to Karachi, but crashed in flames four kilometres from the start.

The airmen escaped unhurt, but the plane was destroyed.

Difficulty In-Rising.

LATER. Doisy had obvious difficulty in rising, being handicapped by the weight of 5,000 litres of petrol, which upon his crashing shot up in a column of flame, visible from Le Bourget.

Help was immediately forthcoming, but the airmen had already got clear of the intensely blazing machine.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Crash.

PARIS, June 15th. Doisy after leaving Le Bourget flew two miles, barely topping the trees, and decided to land, which he successfully effected, but his under-carriage later collapsed.

The aviators jumped as the petrol exploded, and miraculously escaped. They had to roll on the ground to extinguish their flaming clothes. Their hair was singed, otherwise they were unharmed.

Doisy's first question after the accident was when he could have another machine.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RAW COPPER.

STATEMENT BY BOARD OF TRADE PRESIDENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, June 14th. The formation of a company embracing a large proportion of producers of copper in the United States, with the object of regulating the sale of raw copper outside that country, was the subject of questions in Parliament.

Sir P. Cunliffe Lister said he was aware that important European interests were parties to the arrangement, and he was informed that since its formation the prices quoted to British consumers were frequently higher than to American consumers. He added that he would welcome the development of copper production, and in answer to a supplementary question said there was no similarity between the control of rubber, for which prices were common to the whole world, and that of copper, in which there was a differentiation in prices.

FRENCH TARIFF.

EFFECT ON BRITISH TRADE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, June 14th. The effect of the French tariff proposals on important branches of British trade, based on particulars supplied by the chambers of commerce and trade associations, has been communicated to the French Government, and has formed the subject of conversations in Paris.

The President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, stated in the House of Commons to-day that he could not say at present how far the French Government would find it possible to meet their wishes, but he was led to believe that the tariff was likely to be less onerous in some respects than was proposed in the Bill now being considered by the Customs Commission of the French Chamber of Deputies.

THE BALKANS.

COMPLETE RUPTURE IN YUGO-SLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BELGRADE, June 15th. A complete rupture in Yugo-Slav-Albanian relations has been reached.

Officials Leaving.

BELGRADE, June 15th. The Albanian Minister has received his passports and leaves immediately. Yugo-Slav Consuls have been instructed to leave Albania.

IRISH ELECTIONS.

FINAL RESULTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, June 14th. The final Free State election figures, exclusive of the National University and Dublin University, the results of which will be announced to-morrow, are as follows:

Government	45.
Finanna Fall	44.
Labour	32.
Independents	11.
Farmers	12.
National League	8.
Sinn Fein	6.

It is expected that the National University will return two Government members, while the third seat will automatically be allotted to the Speaker of the Dail.

Dublin University will return three out of four Independent candidates.

PORTUGUESE FLIER.

BEIJES AGAIN UNLUCKY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUENOS AIRES, June 14th. The Portuguese aviator, Sarmiento Beires, who flew from Lisbon to Macao two years ago, and recently crossed the Atlantic, and met with a mishap, has suffered a further misfortune.

His machine was destroyed while flying from Para to Georgetown, but a fishing boat rescued him and his companions.

TRADE UNIONS BILL.

PASSES COMMITTEE STAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, June 14th. The committee stage of the Trade Unions Bill has been completed in the House of Commons, under the guillotine procedure.

In response to Conservative views, Sir A. Steel Maitland undertook to consider the creation of a committee to see how the existing conciliation machinery could be improved in the case of vital industries.

FROM ENGLAND TO INDIA.

BRITISH ATTEMPT POSTPONED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, June 14th. The wind, although light, was in the wrong direction to-day to permit of a satisfactory take-off by the Royal Air Force aeroplane which is in readiness to attempt a non-stop flight to India.

The start will be made when conditions are satisfactory.

CAIRO TO CAPE AIR ROUTE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, June 14th. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. L. C. Amery, in answer to a Parliamentary question stated that the Home Government are most anxious to promote, by any means in their power, the Cairo to Cape Empire air route.

The matter has been the subject of consultations, but an immediate announcement is expected as it has been offered for decision to the various governments concerned.

H.M.S. "RENOVN" PASSES THROUGH CANAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, June 14th. The *Renown*, with the Duke and Duchess of York on board, passed through the Suez Canal to-day.

The High Commissioner in Egypt, Lord Lloyd, went on board to greet the Royal tourists, and remained during the passage through the Bitter Lakes section of the Canal.

COUNTY CRICKET.

MORE BIG SCORES.

SET BACKS FOR YORKSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX.

The defeat of Middlesex at Lords by Nottinghamshire will have an important bearing on the championship especially as Yorkshire lost on the first innings to Sussex. Nottingham look at present like winning the championship, with Lancashire, Kent and Middlesex well in the running.

First class cricket seems to be in a more healthy condition than it has been for years. The supremacy of the four businesslike Yorkshiremen has been broken and a number of new stars have arisen. Hammonds is easily the outstanding player of the season, and while many of the older hands, notably Phil Mead, J. W. Hearne and Hendren are holding their own the "traditions" of English cricket are safe with the new generation of amateurs such as E. W. Dawson and E. R. T. Holmes, the Light and Dark Blue captains, A. P. F. Chapman, G. O. Allen, G. T. S. Stephens and K. S. Duleep Singh, and such professionals as Hammond, Larwood, Leyland and Wensley, to mention a few names at random. D. R. Jardine who made 143 for Surrey against the strong Lancashire attack is also a man to watch. Reverting to veterans for a moment old George Cox, of Sussex, who is rising 53, took 5 Yorkshire wickets at a cost of 14 pieces.

Even more important than individual form is the revival of many of the weaker counties, and several of the corners of the country have their feathers torn by what look like very ordinary bander fowl. Last year a split into two divisions, on the football system, seemed inevitable, but Derbyshire, Essex, Leicestershire and Sussex have all been giving the leaders something to think about.

The best individual performances were:

Batting.	
E. R. T. Holmes (Oxford)	236
Mead (Hants)	207
H. M. Morris (Sussex)	191
Russell (Essex)	166
Bates (Warwick)	144
D. R. Jardine (Surrey)	118
Hardinge (Kent)	113
Smith (Warwick)	112
Longfield (Cambridge U.)	111
Idon (Lancashire)	111
Hammond (Gloucester)	110
Dipper (Gloucester)	105
Lee (Middlesex)	102
Butterworth (Oxford U.)	101
Watson (Lancashire)	97
E. W. Dawson (Cambridge)	95
Layland (Yorkshire)	91
Not out.	

Bowling.	
Nichols (Essex)	7 for 112
V. C. W. Jupp	(Northants) 7 for 92
W. T. Gresswell	(Somerset) 6 for 21 & 4 for 19
L. G. Irvine	(Cambridge U.) 6 for 19
Capes (Kent)	5 for 45
McIntosh (Oxford U.)	5 for 52
Cox (Sussex)	5 for 70
J. C. White (Somerset)	4 for 22

NOTTS BEAT MIDDLESEX.

Playing on their home ground, Lords, Middlesex failed badly in their 1st innings and despite a good second innings effort lost by ten wickets to Nottinghamshire.

In the Notts first innings, Whysall (66), A. W. Carr (51), Flint (69) and Larwood (67 not out) were the principal scorers, while G. O. Allen took five wickets for 39 runs. The Middlesex reply was feeble, the whole side being dismissed for 139. Following on 212 behind, the Middlesex early batsmen gave hopes of a good recovery, but afterwards there was another collapse. Nigel Haig scored 50, Lee scored his first century of the season, 102. Hendren contributed 56, and G. O. Allen 71. Larwood took six wickets for 111.

Notts scored 80 runs without loss. Middlesex: 139 and 320.

SOMERSET BEAT WORCESTER.

Spectators at Stourbridge saw only 316 runs scored in the course of the game between Somerset and Worcester, but the visiting team were winners by an innings and 49 runs.

Worcester collapsed in both innings. W. T. Gresswell and J. C. White doing the damage in the Worcester first innings, the former taking four wickets for 19 runs, while White took 4 for 22. In the Worcester second innings, Gresswell took 6 wickets for 34 runs.

For Somerset G. F. Earle made 60, while Tibbo took 5 wickets for 70 runs.

Score: Worcester: 78 and 62. Somerset: 178.

GLOUCESTER AND CAMBRIDGE UNIV. DRAW.

Another Century By Hammond.

LONDON, June 14th. Hammond made his eighth century of the season against Cambridge University at Bristol, the game being drawn.

E. W. Dawson (56), R. W. V. Robins (58) and Longfield 114 (not out) were the principal scorers in the Cambridge first innings, in the course of which Bessant took 5 wickets for 63 runs. In the second innings, E. W. Dawson made 53, Judd 89, and F. J. Seabrook 56 not out, Parker taking 4 wickets out of five at a cost of 48 runs.

Hammond with 110 and Dipper with 105 made the Gloucester runs, the remaining batsmen compiling only 71 between them. L. G. Irvine took 6 wickets for 62 runs. Dipper made 92 in Gloucester's second innings.

OXONIANS BEAT FREE FORESTERS.

E. R. T. Holmes, 236.

LONDON, June 14th. E. R. T. Holmes, the Oxford University captain, against the Free Foresters at Oxford compiled 236, passing the double century mark for the first time in his career.

Butterworth also made a century. Oxford University won by an innings and 30 runs.

P. Cazabot and W. N. McBride, the Oxford opening pair, each made 51, while E. R. T. Holmes contributed 236 and Butterworth 101.

For the Free Foresters, Pearce made 67 not out, while McIntosh took 5 wickets for 52 runs.

Score: Oxford Univ.: 520 (for 8 wickets declared). Free Foresters: 225 and 265.

ESSEX BEAT HAMPSHIRE.

Mead 200 Not Out.

Some remarkable individual performances were seen at Southampton, where Essex compiled nearly 200 runs before declaring in the first innings, and won by an innings and 26 runs.

Russell and H. M. Morris scored centuries for Essex, while in the Hampshire second innings, Philip Mead scored 200 not out.

In the Essex first innings, Russell scored 161, largely in partnership with H. M. Morris, whose personal contribution was 166. Nichols compiled 73 runs.

Hants failed at their first effort and, following on, made 341, Mead doing the Essex bowling and scoring 200 without losing his wicket. Parker knocked off 52. Nichols bowled well, taking 7 wickets for 112 runs.

Score: Essex: 584 (for 9 wickets declared). Hants: 177 and 391.

NORTHANTS BEAT NEW ZEALAND.

LONDON, June 14th.

Dismissing the New Zealanders in the fourth innings of the match for 141 runs, Northamptonshire defeated the tourists by 82 runs.

In the Northants first innings, Wells made 68 and Timms 55, while Hunt took 7 wickets for 109 runs. Merritt took five for 63 in the second innings.

R. C. Bunt scored 50 runs, and Vahne Jupp took 7 wickets for 92 runs in the New Zealand first innings.

Score: Northants: 287 and 290. New Zealand: 251 and 164.

WARWICK AND KENT DRAW.

Two Centuries By Bates.

Bates, the Warwickshire batsman, scored a century in each innings, but his county, playing against Kent at Coventry were behind on the first innings in a drawn match.

Hardinge, for Kent, and Smith, the Warwickshire stumper, also made centuries in a high scoring game. Bates contributed 116 towards the Warwick first innings total, but in spite of the sound score, Capes returned the excellent analysis of 5 wickets for 45 runs.

Replying Kent gained a lead of 30 runs. Hardinge had scored 134 before his wicket was taken, and A. J. Evans, the Kent captain, contributed 68.

Warwick made a wonderful effort in reply, declaring with only three wickets down, and a lead of over 300 runs. Smith made 132 and Bates 144.

Score: Warwick: 285 and 345 (for 3 wickets declared). Kent: 328 and 80 (for 1 wicket).

SUSSEX v. YORKSHIRE.

Yorkshire suffered a reverse at Sheffield, Sussex taking away points for a lead on the first innings. The Yorkshire second innings was a distinct improvement but there was no time to force home the advantage. Holmes and Sutcliffe made another first innings stand of over 100 runs.

In the Yorkshire first innings, Holmes scored 65 runs, and Cox took 5 wickets for 70 runs.

For Sussex, Tate contributed 53, Cook 67, and Wensley 64, while Macaulay took 5 wickets for 74 runs.

Holmes and Sutcliffe put on over a hundred for the first wicket, the former scoring 70 runs, and Sutcliffe 64. Leyland gave them splendid support having scored 91 not out with the declaration was made.

Score: Yorkshire: 260 and 323 (for 5 wickets declared). Sussex: 307 and 92 (for 2 wickets).

TENNIS LEAGUE.

"A" DIVISION.

HONG KONG C.C. v. KOWLOON C.C.

By the smallest margin possible, the Kowloon Cricket Club beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday in the "A" Division of the Tennis League. The match, which was postponed a few weeks ago on account of rain, was played on the Hong Kong Cricket Club courts, the final scores being 50 games to 49 in favour of the Kowloon team.

The Fincher brothers were the best pair of the day, securing 20 games in the three sets.

The detailed scores were as follows:

S. E. Green and G. W. Sewell (H.K.C.C.):	lost to W. Hyde and C. E. Millard	5-6
lost to E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher	4-7	
beat L. Jack and P. M. Pinguet	9-2	
W. B. Cornaby and G. Miskin (H.K.C.C.):	lost to W. Hyde and C. E. Millard	5-6
lost to E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher	5-6	
beat L. Jack and P. M. Pinguet	8-3	
R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley (H.K.C.C.):	lost to W. Hyde and C. E. Millard	5-6
lost to E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher	4-7	
lost to L. Jack and P. M. Pinguet	4-7	
Total: H.K.C.C., 49; K.C.C., 50.		

QUEEN'S COLLEGE ANNUAL MATCH.

Masters At Work And At Play.

The annual match between the Staff and Pupils of Queen's College was played on the College courts at Causeway Bay and resulted in a comfortable win for the Staff. The final scores were 61 games in their favour.

Last year the Staff was also victorious and it is many years since the Pupils gave the Masters a "thrashing."

The detailed scores were as follows:

A. H. Crook and K. L. Chau (Staff):	beat Ho Yuen and V. Soon-deram	10-1
beat F. Samy and A. C. Kew	7-4	
beat Tsai Ping Keung and Tsai Wai Pui	6-5	
W. Kay and Mr. Yuen (Staff):	beat Ho Yuen and V. Soon-deram	8-3
beat F. Samy and A. C. Kew	7-4	
lost to Tsai Ping Keung and Tsai Wai Pui	5-6	
H. C. Wallington and Cheung Wai Fung (Staff):	beat Ho Yuen and V. Soon-deram	8-3
lost to F. Samy and A. C. Kew	5-6	
lost to Tsai Ping Keung and Tsai Wai Pui	5-6	
Total: Staff, 61; Pupils, 35.		

ROYAL HUNT CUP.

ASTERUS WINS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, June 15th.

The result of the Royal Hunt Cup (7 furlongs: 166 yards) at Ascot today was as follows:

Asterus (10/1)	1
Priory Park (25/1)	2
Delius (9/2)	3

Twenty-nine ran; won by a neck; same distance between second and third.

LANCASHIRE v. SURREY.

In reply to a big Surrey score of 376 at Manchester, Lancashire compiled the huge total of 522 (for 9 wickets) and gained points for a lead on the first innings.

D. R. Jardine for Surrey, and Iddon for Lancashire scored centuries, while Watson only missed a similar distinction by three runs.

D. R. Jardine made 143 in the Surrey first innings, while Macdonald took 6 wickets at a cost of 155 runs.

Hallows and Watson with 88 and 87 respectively paved the way to Lancashire's brilliant reply. Iddon later contributed 113, and Major L. Green 72. Goary bowled excellently, taking 5 wickets for 102 runs.

Score: Surrey: 376 and 91 (for 3 wickets). Lancashire: 522 (for 9 wickets declared).

TENNIS NOTES.

There was a blank sheet for the last week-end as regards Tennis League playing owing to the rain. The weather cleared up, however, early this week and endeavours have already been made by several Clubs to play off their postponed matches.

An interesting match was played yesterday in the "A" Division between the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club on the former's courts, a report of which appears elsewhere in this issue. There are two matches for today and three for Sunday. The following is the list:

TO-DAY.

"B" Division.
I.R.C. v. C.R.C. 5.15 p.m.
H.K.C.C. v. M.B.K., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY.

"A" Division.
I.R.C. v. University, 4.30 p.m.

"B" Division.
University v. I.R.C., 4.30 p.m.

"C" Division.
T.R.C. v. K.B.S.F.P.A., 10 a.m.

The fixtures for the "A" Division should have been concluded last week. Rain and other considerations have broken into the schedule and although only a few matches are outstanding, the Clubs will have to make their own arrangements. So far, not a single match has been fixed for Saturday. The Chinese and Japanese are trying to arrange their match for that day, but have not yet fixed it definitely.

The "B" and "C" Divisions will be carried on as usual and all Clubs are expected to play off fixtures for Saturday. The "B" Division is drawing most attention and competition is keener than in the other two divisions. It is still in the middle stages and some "developments" are likely this week. The Chinese play the Indians to-day and Craigieover on Saturday. The three teams are in the running for League honours and the results will be awaited with some anxiety by the Club concerned. The Chinese are most favoured and will take a lot of beating.

Yesterday's match between the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club had a very exciting finish and after a bad start in the first round, the Hong Kong side nearly turned the tables on their opponents in the last round, failing by one game only at the end.

In the first round, Kowloon secured 29 games and lost 13, the Fincher brothers beating Green and Sewell, 7-4. Jack and Pinguet beat Henderson and Brearley, 7-4, and Hyde and Millard beating Green and Sewell 6-5, but Jack and Pinguet lost to Cornaby and Miskin 3-8. (Scores: K.C.C., 36; H.K.C.C., 30).

In the last round, Jack and Pinguet lost to Green and Sewell 3-8, but the Fincher brothers beat Cornaby and Miskin 6-5 and Hyde and Millard beat Henderson and Brearley 6-5. In the last round, therefore, Kowloon secured 14 games only against 19 by Hong Kong.

GOLF.

AMERICAN OPEN TITLE.

142 ENTRANTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

OAKMONT, Pa., June 15th.

142 leading golfers, including the British Ryder Cup players, are competing in the American Open Title Competition which consists of two rounds of eighteen holes, after which the 64 lowest scorers will play 36. The first round was played in wet and foggy weather.

Bobby Jones, the present champion, and Ted Ray, captain of the British Ryderites, went the round in 78 each.

The Americans, Harry Hampton and Jimmy Johnston, headed the list at 73. The Brits, George Duncan, Herbert Jolly, and Chas. Whitcombe, took 84. Boomer 83; Compston, Havers and Gadd 79; Harry Cooper, Dave Robertson, Gene Sarazen 74; William Melhorn, Emmet French and N. Alwitz 75.

THE AMERICAN CUP.

VETERAN SPORTSMAN TO TRY AGAIN.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, June 15th.

Sir Thomas Lipton has definitely announced that he will challenge in 1928 for the America Cup.

BOXING.

DEMPSEY AND SHARKEY TO FIGHT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, June 15th.

Boxing promoter Jack Sharkey will meet on July 31st at the Yankee Stadium to decide who shall meet Tunney for the heavyweight title.

MALAYA'S CRICKET TRIUMPH.

FINAL STAGES OF AUSTRALIAN DEFEAT.

KEEN FIELD WORK DOES IT!

We give the following account from the *Straits Times* of the final stages of Malaya's great victory over the Australians at Kuala Lumpur, and also the full score and analysis of this very remarkable match:

KUALA LUMPUR, June 6th.

The great test match against the Australian touring team is a thing of the past, and Malaya has come out with flying colours. The final stages were most exciting and the end came shortly after 3 p.m. to-day with Malaya leading by 30 runs.

The fielding of the home team was brilliant throughout and not a single run was given away unnecessarily. Foster captained his team admirably, and this had a great deal to do with the result.

The Play Described.

Unlike Saturday, to-day dawned fine and a resumption was made sharp at noon.

Woodfull and Rofe continued the Australian innings, but Rofe was soon caught at slips by Hennessey. Macartney opened by offering Bostock-Hill a swift catch off his own bowling but it was not taken.

Proceeding to play cautiously, the batsmen took the score to 30. Macartney followed this with a shot behind the wickets for a boundary, but with the next ball his innings came to a conclusion, Penman bringing off a fine catch off his own bowling.

Woodfull was run out, after making 37. This was indeed a misfortune for the Australians, for Woodfull was now well set and just before the end had been treating the spectators to some good batting.

Bardsley filled the vacancy, but with the score at 68, Andrews' innings was brought to a conclusion, Hennessey bringing off a nice catch at slips off Penman. Oldfield went in only to be given l.b.w. before he could score.

At this stage an adjournment was made for lunch.

Resuming after lunch, Bardsley and Mayne soon had the century up. Singles and twos were the order of the day and runs came slowly. With the total at 109 Mayne drove Penman to the ropes—a fine forcing stroke which drew general applause.

In the next over, however, Bardsley was dismissed as the result of an excellent catch at mid-on by Foster off Bostock-Hill.

The last wickets.

Everett went in but with only two added Mayne fell a victim to a beautiful ball from Hennessey. Sullivan went in next. A couple of minutes later, Everett effected a fine six off Bostock-Hill, sending 120 up, but his innings came to a conclusion in Hennessey's next over, he being clean bowled.

Sullivan proceeded to score ten runs off Bostock-Hill in the next over with two pretty boundaries, and another shot, which was stopped by Congdon at the ropes, obtained a couple.

With the score at 142 Gamble was clean bowled by Hennessey and as Adams was not batting owing to an injury the match concluded in a victory for Malaya by 39 runs.

On returning to the pavilion the home team was accorded a tremendous ovation.

The following are scores:

Malaya.

1st Innings.

C. H. Congdon, c Sullivan, b Everett	2
J. D. Hussey, c Oldfield, b Sullivan	6
A. J. Bostock-Hill, b Macartney	5
N. J. A. Foster, l.b.w., b Adams	8
V. E. H. Rhodes, c Adams, b Andrews	10
T. Lejssius, b Andrews	7
R. L. L. Braddell, c Adams, b Andrews	7
G. M. Brand, c Adams, b Andrews	9
A. P. Penman, c Everett, b Andrews	3
W. N. Hansell, not out	3
P. H. Hennessey, c Gamble, b Andrews	5
Extras	13
Total	108

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Everett	9	1	18	1
Macartney	14	7	10	1
Sullivan	8	2	23	1
Andrews	16	3	44	7

Australians.

1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Foster, b Hennessey	7
H. H. Mayne, c Brand, b Hennessey	2

Total

Adams did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hennessey	14	5	30	3
Bostock-Hill	20	1	60	2
Penman	7	0	25	3
Braddell	1	0	11	0
Hansell	2	0	11	0

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SEREMBAN, June 8th.

There was only a small crowd to witness the start of the match between the Australian XI and Southern Malaya, but the attendance was better in the afternoon.

Macartney and Adams were prevented from turning out. Thane and Vasey acting as substitutes, whilst Andrews took over the captaincy of the Australian side.

The day was very sunny and the Australians seem to feel the heat in the morning.

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ARRIVALS.

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Kun Sang, British str., 5,447 tons. Capt. H. W. Chadler, from Kobe and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Mirzapur, British str., 4,134 tons. Capt. L. A. Bedwell, from Yokohama and Moji. The latter port she left on June 9th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 41.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Yendai Maru, Japanese str., 2,069 tons. Capt. T. Miyazaki, from Dairen, with coal and pigs, lying at buoy No. 150.—M.B.K.

June 15th.
Chinkiang, British str., 1,229 tons. Capt. J. B. Bruce, from Newchwang and Weihaiwei, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 34.—B. & S.
Haiting, British str., 1,267 tons. Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
Hozon Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons. Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, with 680 tons of coal and merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Livingstone, Norwegian str., 918 tons. Capt. K. W. Nyquist, from Bangkok and Kohsichang, with rice and meal, lying at buoy No. 147.
Nam Sang, British str., 2,470 tons. Capt. H. Mooney, from Calcutta via Penang and Singapore. The last mentioned port she left on June 9th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
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Tjisaraen, Dutch str., 4,394 tons. Capt. D. Pals, from Shanghai and Keelung, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 48.—J.C.C.L.

Yuan Feng, Chinese str., 906 tons. Capt. J. Miller, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. 34.—Yuen Shing Fat.

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Kweichow, for Swatow.
Lampoon, for Swatow.
Uzuraon, for Saigon.
Tak Hing, for Amoy.
Tetsusan Maru, for Keelung.
Times Maru, for Canton.
Tjisaraen, for Banka.
Yungta, for Singapore.
Van Heutz, for Swatow.
Yunnan, for Saigon.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Franken*, from Europe, left Singapore on June 14th, and is expected to arrive here on the morning of June 20th. She will sail for Shanghai and Japan on the 21st.
The P. & O. s.s. *Nellore*, from Hong Kong, arrived at Marseilles on June 14th, at noon.

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Fire which broke out at the Lower Wharf at Pakhoi at 4 a.m. on Monday burned the structure to the water's edge. The wharf had not been used by vessels for some years, but recently troops had employed it. There were no lives lost, and no damage, except to the wharf.

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July 13	Seattle	Boregaria	Aug. 10	Cbrg-S'mp'tn Aug. 16
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July 27	Seattle	Aquitania	Aug. 24	Cbrg-S'mp'tn Aug. 30
Aug. 3	San Francisco	Majestic	Sept. 2	Cbrg-S'mp'tn Sept. 8
Aug. 10	Seattle	Mauretania	Sept. 6	P'mth-Cbrg Sept. 12
Aug. 16	San Francisco	Olympic	Sept. 17	Cbrg-S'mp'tn Sept. 23
Aug. 24	Seattle	Boregaria	Sept. 21	Cbrg-S'mp'tn Sept. 27
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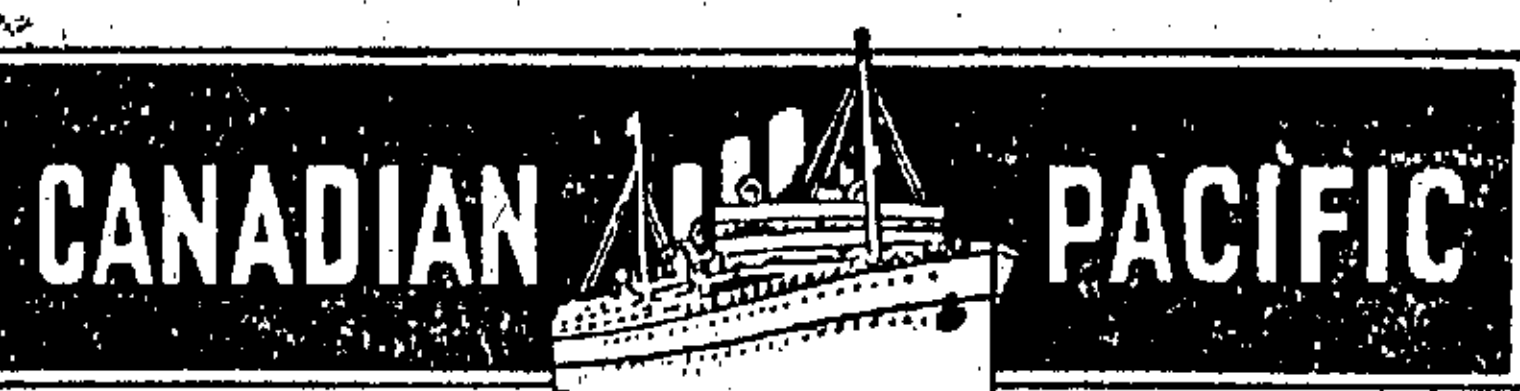
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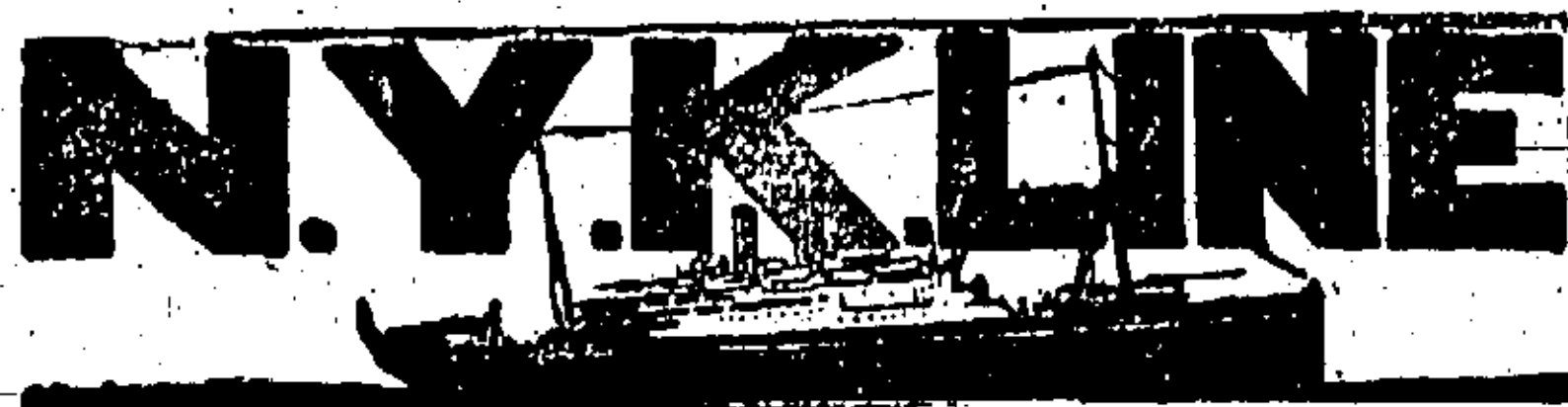
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

A DROP IN THE IMPORTS.

BRITISH CARGOES VERY LOW.

British vessels, although numbering nearly half the arrivals for ten out of the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, did not contribute a great deal to the freight imported into the Colony, or to that carried through. There were only two fewer arrivals than on the previous day, but there was a big drop in the freight, especially with regard to through cargoes.

A total freight of 10,540 tons was brought into the Colony by ten out of fourteen vessels arriving, and of this quantity 2,445 tons was brought in four British bottoms.

Of through freight, there were 13,281 tons carried in nine vessels, of which consignments four British ships had 1,976 tons between them.

The best individual returns were 1,658 tons of general cargo in a British bottom, 1,800 tons of rice, and 2,700 tons of coal, all for this port.

Shipments for other ports included 1,120 tons of general cargo in a British steamer, 6,000 tons of sugar in an American steamer, and two lots of coal in Japanese steamers, amount to 2,700 tons and 1,900 tons.

Arrivals and Departures.
 For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday there were 14 arrivals and 14 departures. There were 69 vessels in port, of which 27 were British. The arrivals and departures were—British, five arrivals and six departures; American, one arrival and one departure; Dutch, one arrival and two departures; Norwegian, two arrivals and one departure; Japanese, three arrivals and one departure; Chinese, two arrivals and two departures; French, one departure.

Cargo Carriers.
 Cargo-carriers were as under—S.S. *Kum Sang* (British) from Osaka and Amoy, with 1995 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong, and 508 tons for other ports, and 14 bags of mail.

S.S. *Mizogawa* (British) from Yokohama and Moji, with 80 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 1,120 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Tydranga* (British) from Fort Bayard, with general cargo, and one bag of mail.

S.S. *Fuu Shing* (British) from Canton, with a nil entry for Hong Kong and 48 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Chuan* (British) from Shanghai and Amoy, with 320 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 390 tons for other ports, and 65 bags of mail.

S.S. *Elkridge* (American) from Manila, with 110 tons of sugar for Hong Kong, and 6,000 tons of the same commodity for other ports.

S.S. *Tjisara* (Dutch) from Shanghai and Keelung, with a nil entry for Hong Kong, and 1,200 tons of tea and 737 tons of general cargo for other ports, and 32 bags of mail.

S.S. *Prominent* (Norwegian) from Saigon, with 2,700 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and three bags of mail.

(Continued on next column).

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

"DERWENT'S" SECOND OFFICER FEARED DROWNED.

LOCAL AND STRAITS NEWS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Whilst the *Derwent*, a vessel of 1502 tons net, which arrived from Hong Kong, at Singapore recently was in port on the 6th inst., it was reported that the second officer, Mr. Evans, was missing. A search of the vessel which was lying in the outer roads was immediately instituted, but no trace of the officer could be found. The Marine police boarded the vessel and made a thorough search, but without success. It was found, however, that the officer's clothes and personal effects were still in their usual place, though his evening clothes were missing. The Police presume that he either fell or jumped overboard during the night. Before the vessel proceeded to Saigon and Hong Kong statements were taken and the Marine Police are pursuing their investigations.

New "City" Boat.
 Messrs. Barclay, Curle & Co., Ltd., have launched from their West shipbuilding yard, Scotstoun, the single screw steamer *City of Hereford*, which they are building for the Ellerman Lines, Ltd. Constructed to the highest class of Lloyd's Register, her dimensions, etc., are as follows:—Length 398 ft. 9 in.; breadth, 51 ft. 6 in.; depth 29 ft. 8 in.; gross tonnage, 5,100; dead weight, 3,500.

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Transport Returns.
 The troopship *Nerana*, 5,461 tons net, arrived at Singapore last week under the command of Capt. C. J. Swanson from Hong Kong. She left the latter port on the 3rd inst., with 39 officers and 17 troops on board, and was en route for Southampton.

S.S. *Mandigo* (Norwegian) from Bangkok and Kohsichang, with 30,400 piculs of rice and meal.

S.S. *Koku Maru* (Japanese) from Canton, with a nil entry for Hong Kong, and sundries for other ports.

S.S. *Times Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung, with 500 tons of coal for Hong Kong and 2,700 tons of coal for other ports.

S.S. *Yantai Maru* (Japanese) from Dairen, with 2,700 tons of coal and 100 pigs for Hong Kong and 1,400 tons of coal for other ports.

S.S. *Cheng Wen* (Chinese) from Shanghai and Swatow, with a nil entry for Hong Kong and four bags of mail.

S.S. *Tai Neng* (Chinese) from Kwang Chow (Wan), with 184 pigs, 125 bullocks and 285 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Kidnapper Arrested At Macao.

According to the vernacular press, there have been a good many cases of kidnapping reported to the Police in Macao recently, and despite some arrests this practice seems to be but slightly checked. On Tuesday, while the s.s. *Sui Tai* was leaving for Hong Kong, a kidnapper was arrested in the wharf, with two boys he had intended taking away with him.

Steamer's Accident.

Whilst on a voyage between Miri and Limbang, the Sarawak S.N. Co.'s steamer *Amby* struck a submerged obstruction on May 25th off the Miri coast. She proceeded to Limbang, where a diver made an inspection of the hull and reported that the vessel was only slightly damaged. On arriving in Singapore she was docked for examination.

"President" Liners Sail.
 The two "President" liners, which were in port earlier for this week, have sailed again. The *President Taft* has gone to Manila having on board 54 cabin passengers. When she arrived here at the beginning of the week she had 67 cabin passengers on board, of whom 37 disembarked here.

The other "President" liner is the *President Jackson*, which sailed for Seattle via ports on Tuesday evening. She had 96 cabin passengers on board on leaving here, though when she arrived from Manila earlier in the week she had only 36 on board for other ports, as there have been good bookings from this port.

Another New Vessel.
 The *Sin Keng Seng*, which is to replace the *Keng Seng* on the Muar-Malacca run, arrived in Singapore last Saturday. The old *Keng Seng* has been sold to Singapore interests.

Late Arrivals.
 Several vessels arrived too late yesterday for inclusion in the daily freight returns. Among these the s.s. *Livingstone* (Norwegian) brought 2,000 tons of rice and meal from Bangkok and Kohsichang, the s.s. *Promise* (Norwegian) brought 1,300 tons of rice for this port, and also 350 tons of flour from the same ports as the s.s. *Livingstone*. The *Chinkiang* (British) from Newchwang and Weihaiwei had 500 tons of general freight for Hong Kong, and 1,000 tons for other ports. The *Yuan Feng* (Chinese) from Saigon brought 1,800 tons of dried fish and fruit and rice from Saigon, and also carried 33 deck passengers.

The *Utsun Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow brought 500 tons of coal for this port and 182 tons of general merchandise. The s.s. *Hai Ching* (British) from Chow and Swatow had 500 tons of general freight on board for this port, and brought 270 deck passengers. She also had mails from coast ports.

Deck Passengers.
 The total number of deck passengers entering the Colony for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,331, of which number the s.s. *Kum Sang* (British) brought 717 from Osaka and Amoy, the s.s. *Tydranga* (British) 292 from Fort Bayard and the s.s. *Prominent* (Norwegian) 289 from Saigon.

Miscellaneous.
 In view of the continued smuggling of salt from Hong Kong to Canton the Canton Government recently organised a patrol of 30 small launches to watch the Canton river with a view to putting a check to this traffic.

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"KHIVA"	9,135	9th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	16th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"ALIPORE"	5,273	21st July	Straits and Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.
"NYANZA"	7,023	3rd Aug.	Straits and Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	20th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	3rd Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MORLA"	10,953	17th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"KHIVA"	9,135	1st Oct.	do.
"MALWA"	10,985	15th Oct.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	29th Oct.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	12th Nov.	do.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	26th Nov.	do.
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"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Dec.	do.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th June, Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ALIPORE"	5,273	18th June, 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Kobe and Moji.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	22nd June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.

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